COMUNITY & FARM NEWS

Service members to hear Acie Taylor August 19th

Geneva resident Acie Taylor, a veteran of WW II, will speak to area members of the Sons of the American Revolution at a meeting Aug. 19 at the Devco Restaurant on Hwy. 27 South.

Taylor, who landed on Utah Beach on D-Day and ended his war service in Germany, was wounded at St. Lo in France and sent to England to recuperate. He returned to his combat unit, and with Gen. George Patton's Third Army fought across France and into Germany.

Members of the Sons of the Revolution are "dedicated to the preservation of U.S. history and heritage . . . and are descended from those colonial patriots who fought for or assisted in freeing the American colonies from control of the British Crown."

For more information contact Jack M. Bryan, Geneva, 684-9327; or John R. Wallace, Enterprise, 347-0661.

4-H NATIONAL CONGRESS...Sarah Maddox, a student at Zion Chapel High School, was among the 23 Alabama 4-H'ers selected to represent the state at National 4-H Congress next November in Atlanta. The 4-H'ers were selected for their exceptional achievement and participation in 4-H programs in Coffee County and the state of Alabama.

Maintaining cotton quality meeting to be held August 26th

Richard L. Petcher
County Extension Agent

Azalea Caterpillars

The azalea caterpillars are presently feeding on many azalea bushes in the area. The remedy is simple. Almost any insecticide will kill them. So just get out and spray.

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Squirrels in Pecans

Squirrels are notorious for eating pecans before the pecans ever mature. A homeowner may have a few shade tree pecan trees that are loaded with pecans and a family of squirrels moves in, takes over and leaves you with no pecans for your family.

Trapping squirrels is possible with a wooden box trap or Have-A-Hart Trap. Bait the trap with peanut butter, corn, fruit or nuts. Catch the squirrels and relocate them. If you are in the country, you can shoot the squirrels during season. You may sometimes receive a special permit from the Alabama Department of Fish and Game to protect yourorchard before the season.

If your trees are far enough away from other trees where the squirrels cannot jump from one tree to the next, you can place a protective collar of sheet metal on your trees. Take a 4-ft. roll of sheet metal and nail it to your pecan tree. Place it at least 4 feet from ground level. A good cat or yard dog may also be helpful.

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Stinkbugs in Cotton

1999 may go down as the lightest worm year on record in cotton.

Growers and scouts still need to be on the alert, especially on late-planted cotton. The Boll and Tobacco Budworms and primarily Fall Armyworms are present and still need to be scouted for.

Stinkbugs right now are the most important. August may be the Month of the Stinkbugs. They have the potential to do a lot of damage.

The thre shold is still one stinkbug per 6 feet of row or 20% damage on quarter size or soft bolls.

The control insecticides are Bidrin, Methyl Parathion, Penncap-M, Declare and Guthion.

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Maintaining Cotton Quality Meeting

A meeting on maintaining cotton quality will be held Thursday, August 26, 1999, at the Wiregrass Experiment Station in Headland. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a sponsored dinner.

The speakers will be Mike Patterson - Cotton Defoliation, Dennis Delany - UNR Cotton, Nathan Wynn (USDA Cotton Classing Officer) - Grading Cotton, and Bob Goodman - Marketing Cotton.

Call 334-693-3800 to R.S.V.P. for the sponsored meal by August 25.

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Purebred beef cattle breeders excel in County

Stan Windham
County Extension Agent

As the beef cattle industry continues to grow across the Southeast and more particularly in the Wiregrass area, purebred beef cattle producers become more and more important. Cattle producers in many counties must travel great distances to find purebred bulls and females to use in their cattle herd. We are very lucky, here in Coffee County, to have many top notch purebred producers.

In the following paragraphs, I would like to give you a list of these producers and the area of the county in which they are located. I work with all of these producers and please forgive me if I leave you out and you are a purebred producer. If by some reason, I have not yet worked with you, and you read this article and your farm is not mentioned, please give me a call and in a future article I will be more than happy to correct that.

Simmental producers across Coffee County are: Steven Bozeman, located west of Elba, and Lee Boyd, located out of New Brockton.

Angus producers located in Coffee County are: Max Bozeman, located west of Elba,; Michael McCart, located west of Elba; Ray Boyd and Muck Amis of One Way Angus, located out of Enterprise.

Charolais producers of Coffee County are: Larry Parker of Kinston; Ray Barley located out of Enterprise; Jason Farris and Greg Oglesby of the Damascus Community.

Gelbvieh producers of Coffee County are: Larry Davis and Cheryl Bailey located in southwest Coffee County and Tom Cauley, located west of Elba.

Limousin producers in Coffee County are. Harold Jones, Broken I Limousin, located southwest of Enterprise in the New Home community.

Brangus producers located in Coffee County are: Dick Cullen, located north of New Brockton and Dennis and Dean Smith, located north of Elba.

All of these producers will stand behind their products. They have data, and EPD's on their cattle and in my opinion offer a good product for a fair market price. it's very important, when you are trying to find purebred stock, that you locate breeders that you can trust and that deliver a product that can improve your herd. I think all of these producers offer something that will help most any cattleman do this.

When selecting bulls, make sure that you look at the bull and look for muscle and structural correctness and a good over all body size. These producers would also be more than happy to share data with you on these bulls, EPD's, actual production data and other types of information.

If you would like to contact any of these breeders, please feel free to give me a call at 894- 5596. I will be more than happy to help you get in touch with them.

As we approach the summer time of the year, many of the younger bulls will be weaned. We are also moving into a time of the year when people start to think about replacing herd bulls and upgrading their overall genetics. Contact these folks now and take a look at what they have and you can start to plan for your breeding season before the breeding season gets here.

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COMMISSION ELECTS TO JOIN EEDC

Coffee County adopts strategic plan

by **Marvin McLwain**, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting was unusually crowded Monday with representatives from the Strategic Planning Committee and the Enterprise Economic Development Corporation present.

A strategic plan for Coffee County was presented to the commissioners for their consideration by Joe Paul Stewart, chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.

In presenting "21 and Beyond" he commended the commissioners for their foresight in commissioning the development of the plan.

"You have exercised true wisdom and judgment, and I believe history will honor you for it," said Stewart.

He praised the many individuals who gave freely of their time in helping to bring together the many aspects of a workable strategic plan for Coffee County.

Stewart noted the different issues addressed in the plan as being agribusiness/agriculture, communication technology, economic development, education, quality of life, and transportation. The detailed plan outlines things that can be done to bring about improvement in each of the issues addressed.

The focus of the strategic plan is to get all the citizens of Coffee County working together for the good of the whole county and not just one certain area or aspect of development.

Stewart, as chairman, agreed that the plan was not perfect and that changes are inevitable since Coffee County is not an island. He noted events and circumstances that occur in the state and neighboring counties will certainly affect this plan, and it is the recommendation of the committee that the plan be reviewed and evaluated periodically - perhaps on an annual basis.

"A plan will remain just that unless it is acted on," said Stewart. "If you [the commission] embrace the plan, the next step will be to designate those who will work with you on implementation of the plan. You will find many capable leaders throughout the county who will be happy to work with you if you will only seek them out."

In the adoption of the plan by the commission, Commissioner Bernest Brooks commented, "Most places spend $20,000 to $30,000 to develop a strategic plan such as the one presented. This one was prepared by a group of volunteers at no cost to the taxpayers of Coffee County."

Appearing before the commission on behalf of the Enterprise Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) were Brett Morgan and Tim Alford. They presented a plan to the commission for their consideration in finalizing their [the commission] becoming a part of the EEDC.

Morgan pointed out that the articles of corporation and by-laws of the corporation will be changed to allow Coffee County, as well as Geneva County, to become part of the organization. Coffee County will be allowed one representative (a commissioner) on the EEDC board of directors to coordinator activities between the EEDC and the county. In addition to the one board member from the commission, two board members will be appointed by the EEDC from outside Enterprise with business ties to serve on the board of directors.

Alford explained to commissioners that an advisory committee made up of individuals (legislative representatives, mayors, council members, commissioners, and other interested citizens) from throughout the county will be formed to provide a vehicle for aiding the EEDC in formulating good economic development plans and the implementation of them. This group will meet quarterly to exchange information and ideas.

The motion to proceed with the partnership was made by Commissioner Tom Grimsley and seconded by Commissioner Brooks. County Administrator Wilson Mobley noted the funds, $50,000.00 (paid in four quarterly payments of $12,500), will be paid out of the county's Public Buildings/Road & Bridge Fund.

Commissioner Robert Stephens expressed concern saying, "I cannot vote to take money away from some fellow that lives on a dirt road on a hill where the school bus can't go and go into a new program."

A motion to table the matter for further study by Commission Chairman Lewis failed to pass with Commissioners Lewis, Linda Westbrook and Stephens voting for and Commissioners Grimsley, Brooks, Len Averett, and Doug Dalrymple voting against.

An attempt to amend Grimsley 's motion to include "giving" $20,000 to the Elba economic development group - Elba Industrial Board - failed by a 4-3 vote with the reverse vote on the motion to table.

Morgan pointed out that the Elba Industrial Board (EIB)was approached by the EEDC about their becoming a part of the Corporation; however, officials with EIB stated that they wish to maintain their own individual entity.

Finally, a vote was taken to join the EEDC with Commissioners Lewis and Stephens casting dissenting votes.

Charles Webb, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, addressed the commission concerning a potentially serious emergency medical services problem facing a large portion of the county.

"We have for many years in this county enjoyed the services of wonderful volunteer rescue squads," said Webb. "They've done a great job and it has become an everyday part of life, something we expect to be there when we need it. Times have changed."

He told commissioners that the Elba Rescue Squad had not answered a call since June 8, 1999, and the New Brockton Rescue Squad has not answered a call this month (August) and has answered only a few night calls in the last three months.

Webb explained that the condition is fast becoming a serious one with the status of the two units being in question. Using a map of the county, he pointed out the immediate areas affected by this problem.

Director Webb told commissioners that in the early planning stages of the development of a county-wide E-911 system, these two squads, along with Enterprise and Kinston rescue squads, had agreed to provide emergency medical services to certain areas of the county. With the potential disbandment of these two units - New Brockton and Elba - a large portion of the county will be without these critical services.

Currently, attempts are being made to revive the Elba Rescue Squad and to keep the New Brockton Unit in service; however, "it doesn't look good" Webb told com-

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HOUSE ON THE MOVE ...There is more to moving a house than one might think! Movers don't just jack it up, put it on a trailer, and take off down the road to a new site. Even though Donald Hussey, his sons, and employees make it look easy - it's not. There is a lot of work that goes into getting the house ready for travel. It has to be removed from its foundation and mounted on rails and wheels in preparation for the move. Then, permits have to be gotten and utility crews have to be alerted to the move in order to assist with getting the house under the lines. Tuesday, after several days of waiting, Hussey & Sons Movers moved the home formerly owned by Mr. & Mrs.Harold Hazen, and before them John B. Clark, from Neil Grantham Drive along AL 203 By-Pass to a site on Taylor Mill Road. The move was just over a mile, but it took just under two hours to make the journey. Elba police officers assisted with traffic control while utility crews from the City of Elba, Covington Electric, Storer Cable and General Telephone handled utility line clearance. State Highway Department crews removed the traffic lights for the move. The house was purchased by Rachel Ruddock as part of FEMA's Flood Buy-out Program.

Timber sale & board appointments consume council meeting

by **Ferrin Cox**, Publisher

On Monday evening the Elba City Council sold timber, made board appointments, approved sale of a house and heard a report on the sewer project status.

Frances Brunson and Mike McGuire were reappointed to another term on the Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments.

An effort to reactivate the Elba Recreation Board led to the appointment of five Elba Citizens to a five-year term on that advisory board. They are Jenny Allen; Rob Paul; Doug Martin, Jr.; Greg Hanchey and Tim Williams.

Daniel Stephens was named to the abatement board, replacing Reverend Williams, who resigned due to conflicting schedules.

The council agreed to nominate Roland Powell for a seat on the Coffee County Equalization Board. The appointment will be made by the Governor's office from a list of names nominated by various county and municipal councils.

Three recent flood buy-out houses had been offered for sale to the highest bidder. Only one of the three received any bids. There were two bidders for the 660 Smith Avenue former home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smith. High bidder was Dena Richardson, 2164 County Road 239, with a bid of $10,505.00.

Three bids were received for the 25 acres of timber at Hawkins-Williams Park. J F Spann Timber Co., Flack-Haney Forest Products, Inc., and Dry Creek Logging, Inc. were the three bidders. Dry Creek was the succesful bidder with a bid of $16,882.82.

The Council voted to accept the high bid on this tract of timber, but not before an effort by Council member John W. Sharpless to forego the cutting of these trees. Sharpless reminded council members that it takes many years to grow a forest and he has visions of one day developing bike trails and walking trails in this area. He explained that the potential for a beautiful park was right here. This motion was seconded by Councilman Ben Carpenter. The vote was four-two against the motion.

A motion to accept the high bid was passed by the same four-two count, with Sharpless and Carpenter opposing the action.

The timber on an eight-acre tract of land located between the levee and Whitewater Creek attracted two bidders. J. F. Spann Timber Co. and Roland Powell. High bidder was Roland Powell with a bid of $6,000. The council voted unanimously to accept this bid.

The council also authorized Mayor James Grimes to secure bids on selling timber at Legion Field where the city plans to construct another ball field.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported the sewer project was progressing slowly in the Brookdale area, due to continuing problems with collapsing lines, etc. He also reported the Alabama Fish and Game Department is working with the city to trap an alligator which has taken up residence in the Brookdale area.

Grimes reported he is making progress with a proposed annual budget and should be presenting it by the first meeting in September. He said the numbers look better than in either of the last two years and it is the first time projected income has risen.

City of Elba prevails in hara sment lawsuit filed in federal court

by **Ferrin Cox**, Publisher

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth and City Attorney Jeff Kelley informed city council members Monday evening that the city prevailed in a harassment lawsuit recently tried in federal court against the city and two Elba police officers.

They reported that Sondra Richardson filed a lawsuit against the City of Elba and police officers Anna Frost and James Dozier stemming from an incident on September 7, 1996.

Richardson claimed in her lawsuit that the two officers unlawfully entered her residence and searched for a bicycle that had been reported stolen, and while at her residence she alleged one of the officers assaulted her. Richardson based her claims upon violation of 42USC§1983, under federal law and assault and battery under state law.

The claim alleged she suffered bodily injury, mental stress and mental anguish and sought monetary damages, which included punitive damages and attorney's fees.

The two police officers denied the claims and testified under oath to a different set of facts.

Prior to the trial, which began on August 16, 1999, at the federal courthouse in Dothan before Judge Harold Albritton, the court dismissed the city as a defendant and the defendants Frost and Dozier were dismissed in their capacities as police officers. The case went to trial against the defendants in their individual capacity. After a two day trial the jury returned verdicts in favor of both defendants Frost and Dozier

News Briefs

A Coffee County man was killed during the weekend in a one-vehicle crash. Tony Terrell Williams, 20, of New Brockton died in an accident that occurred on Co. Rd. 517 (a dirt road) at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 22. Reportedly, Williams was driving a 1979 Oldsmobile when he ran off the road about two miles west of New Brockton. The incident is being investigated by Alabama State Trooper Jerry Allen.

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An Enterprise man has been charged in the suffocation death of a four-month old infant. On Monday, Enterprise police arrested and charged Anthony Lampton, 21, of Hildreth Street, Enterprise, with capital murder after their investigation into the Sunday morning death of the 16-week-old baby boy. Coroner Tim Whitehead alerted police after he was called to the emergency room at Medical Center Enterprise to investigate the death of the infant. Lampton is being held in the Coffee County Jail without bond. The incident remains under investigation by the Enterprise Police Department.

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In an emergency session Tuesday afternoon, the Coffee County Board of Education voted to accept the resignation of Terry L. Pope, a fourth-grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, thus releasing her from her contractual agreement. They gave the superintendent, Rodger Bowden, permission to advertise the vacancy immediately.

WELCOME TO ELBA...A large number of Elba residents came by Dr. Andrew Dow's office Sunday to "officially" welcome him to the Elba area. He opened his practice of family medicine several weeks ago and is now seeing patients at his office located at 990 Drayton Street near Elba General Hospital. Visitors were treated to punch and finger food as they met and got to know the doctor and his staff. Pictured above (l-r) are: Cathy Spicer, office manager; Cecilia Garner, Dr. Dow's fiancee; Dr. Andrew Dow; and Patty Calhoun, clinic nurse.

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES Area high school football games scheduled for Thursday and Friday nights are as follows: Elba High School kicks-off the season against Brantley High School in Brantley Thursday (TONIGHT); Zion Chapel is at home against Thorsby on Friday night; New Brockton plays host to Luverne Friday; and Kinston has the home field advantage over Ariton Friday evening. Kick-off for all games is set for 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in lieu of Monday, September 6. This change is due to observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

DRIVE CAREFULLY The streets of New Brockton will be resurfaced during the next several weeks (work was started Monday), and town officials are asking the citizens of New Brockton and visitors to use caution and patience until this much needed project is completed.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT DAY The Elba Chamber of Commerce is hosting Community Spirit Day on the square in downtown Elba on September 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information call Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The retail business community of Elba continues to expand. It is now official for the new shopping center being developed on the 203 Bypass - Benton's will be opening their restaurant in September, or just as soon as their special needs equipment is installed. Also it is official that Factory Connection will be opening in the shopping center. This store sells women's and men's clothing in over 115 stores. Both these have been rumored for some time, but as of last week the leases are signed by both sides and the companies are ready to come to Elba. Factory Connection is also advertising in this issue of The Elba Clipper for help. Talking with the developers of the shopping center on Monday, we learned that they are already planning the Phase II construction for additional expected retail outlets. They are finding that as new businesses sign up, it inspires others to inquire about a building. The principals are excited that their many contacts nationwide are beginning to pay off in positive responses from retail firms interested in opening branches of their business in good ol' Elba, Alabama for the first time ever.

Last week we expressed our thrill over the growing support and attention from the business community for academic excellence. Our examples were the two Rotary scholarships and the four $100 cash awards for high test scores. Little did we know at the time that these four students were the lucky winners out of a whole pile. A group of 40 who had improved their test scores 10% or more from 1998 to 1999 had their names put in a pot and two were drawn as the lucky $100 cash winners. Then the names of a whopping 137 Elba students, grades seven through twelve, who had a 75% or better score (the national average is 50%), were put in the pot and two of them were drawn out for the $100 cash awards. Ain't it great!

More on the student test scores. Someone is doing something right when a school system the size of Elba's has 137 students scoring 25 points above the national average. Further evidence that the Elba teachers are on the right track is that 40 students succeeded in increasing their scores on a battery of tests by 10% or more. One purpose of these tests is to measure the achievements of the students - Elba is doing great, as shown by the evidence. Another goal of the tests is to identify areas of weakness in individual students and concentrate on improving them - 40 Elba students improved their national standing by 10% in a single year! We are reminded of the bumper sticker which read, *"If you can read this, thank a teacher!"* With all its human strengths and weaknesses, the Elba school system is obviously staffed with teachers who deserve more credit than we as a community tend to give them.

The earthquake in Turkey last week ranked up there with the worst on record. Adding the known dead with thousands of citizens reportedly still missing and you have wiped out a population larger than all of Coffee County, Alabama. We all bemoan our problems, but just imagine going to bed one night in Montgomery or Dothan and waking up the next morning to the fact that a population the size of Coffee County was just gone forever, wiped off the map to become a footnote in history. We sit here in our air conditioned homes, safe from the rains and extreme heat and have one more glaring example of why we need to repeat, with sincerity, our prayers of thanks to God above.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 16, 1999, investigated the following incidents: two burglaries, eight forgeries, one giving false information to a law enforcement officer, four thefts of property, one criminal mischief, two VPLs, two DUIs, one assault, one reckless endangerment and one kidnapping.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for criminal mischief, one for giving false information to a law enforcement officer, three for VPL, one of failure to appear, and one for kidnapping.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for no driver's license, one for running a stop sign, three for reckless driving, three for driving while driver's license are suspended, and two for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 16 - River stage - 3.33 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Co. Rd. 514 (6:46 a.m.); Opp Rescue Squad dispatched to Morrow Village (6:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (10:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (12:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 - River stage - 3.08 feet (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on the Troy Highway (1:11 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 500 (9:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer for Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital in Dothan (11:54 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 - River stage - 2.99 feet (6:41 a.m.); Prowler reported on Powell Circle (10:24 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 - River stage - 2.98 feet (6:34 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (1:09 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 - River stage - 2.78 feet (6:40 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Reynolds Street (9:31 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 - Wreck reported on Co. Rd. 427 (3:38 a.m.); River stage - 2.73 (6:17 a.m.); Vehicle burglary reported on Eisenhower Loop in Kennedy Estates (11:24 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - Possible prowler reported on Plant Avenue (12:41 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a mobile home fire on Co. Rd. 360 (2:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to stand by at a mobile home fire on Co. Rd. 360 (2:28 a.m.); Possible prowler reported on South Reese Avenue (2:40 a.m.); River stage - 2.84 (6:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on U. S. Hwy. East (12:12 p.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (5:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer for Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital in Dothan (6:01 p.m.); Possible shooting reported in Burch's Trailer Court (8:36 p.m.).

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 16, 1999 through August 22, 1999. They were: Harold Kelley, Willie McClain, William Twilley, Bertha Coleman, Mavis Goodson, Pearlie Culver, Betty White, Sattie Lott, Martin Caldwell, Jimmie Zeb Scott, Bonnie Dean, Cory Richardson, Lucille Armstrong, W. B. Baldwin, Minnie Galimore, Gordie Houston, Lucille Stackhouse, Evelyn Leverett, Louise Jernigan, Annice Emory, Bobby Boutwell, Fred Cox, Vada Lamb, and Eloise Beasley.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Bertha Coleman, Harold Kelley, Pearlie Culver, Betty White, Mavis Goodson, William Twilley, Cory Richardson, Martin Caldwell, Bonnie Dean, Jimmie Zeb Scott, Willie McClain, Evelyn Leverett, Bobby Boutwell, W. B. Baldwin, Annice Emory, and Mavis Goodson.

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Come Tomorrow It Will Belong To Someone Else

Dear Readers: Over the years of writing this column, I'm frequently asked by the media and curious readers, "Why do you give away your money, Mr. Ross?"

The answer is simple. Many years ago I read an article that reminded me that all earthly possessions are ours for only a short period of time.

This week instead of making monetary contributions I'll share with you the reasons I have for distributing my wealth during my lifetime.

For many years I was an auctioneer for companies going out of business and estates representing well-known former owners who died.

I auctioned ordinary and precious objects of art, furniture, cars, trucks, boats, ships, airplanes, relics, real estate, jewelry, etc. I even auctioned a large, rare diamond pendant that once belonged to one of the previous popes of Rome.

I quickly learned how temporary are our possessions and personal wealth.

None of us can take anything with us when we die. Everything we "own" today become possessions of others that live on after us.

Even during the reign of the "good Emperor," Marcus Aurelius, there was a serious time when his nation became sorely pressed, and he asked permission of the Senate to sell imperial treasures in order to buy arms for national protection, saying: "Nothing we have is our own; even the houses we live in belong to you."

We all accumulate treasures that become dear to us, for many a reason, but they are only temporary. They are but loaned to us for our brief enjoyment and enrichment. The time will come when they will belong to others. My only hope, in parting with my own modest possessions and money, is that the recipients will benefit from the experience and practice my philosophy during their lifetimes.

People who boast of ownership always amuse me. They never know how close to losing that ownership they may be! The only true ownership, in which we can take endless pride, is that which arises from useful tasks performed. And the only true satisfaction comes from knowing we have enriched the lives of others. To possess the love and respect of others is a treasure that mere money could never buy. That is the only possession we can take to our graves with us!

I have spent the greater portion of my life accumulating, but in the last 17, I have begun to shed myself of the burden of ownership.

I am only a temporary guest in the beautiful home in which I live. Someday it will belong to someone else. I've converted practically all of my belongings into cash which is easier to share with others who need a helping hand from time to time.

So far I've done pretty well and have enjoyed the satisfaction of knowing I've helped quite a few people, who I hope will remember in turn (by my example), to help others when they can. I also know from the letters I receive that many of my readers, who do not need financial help, write me that they have been prompted to increase their help to others.

On a lighter note, I'll share a letter I recently received. The man wrote: "Since you are giving it all away before you die, and if you believe in reincarnation, who would you like to come back as?

I replied, "In my lifetime I made certain Mrs. Ross was very well provided for, so if I *did* believe in reincarnation, I'd sure like to come back as my wife's second husband!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Have you noticed that when the government wants to raise taxes or a politician wants to be elected they play upon the peoples emotions. They cry "We must do it for the children". The truth is that no amount of money will ever be enough to fund the sucking sound of the "black hole" we call public education.

The government now controls public education. Therefore, public education endorses perversion and calls it an alternative lifestyle. Public education neglects to discipline our children and calls it building self-esteem. Public education have our children worshipping other gods and calls it multiculturalism. Public education has dumbed down and won't flunk children calling it social promotion.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of God's Holy Word and called it pluralism.

As long as the Federal and State Governments and Teacher Unions with there inherit bureaucratic establishment control the public schools our schools will remain broke and no amount of money will ever fix them. The government has made we the people into slaves working for the benefit of others and called it your fair share. "Woe on those who call evil good," but that's exactly what they have done.

The Government attempts to operate a business calling it a corporation. This business begets corruption with extensive fraud, waste and abuse; establishing a bureaucracy siphoning the money to other than that to which it was originally intended. Do you really trust Government to run a business when they can change the rules or benefits and deviate at their whim?

So our Lotto Governor exploits the poor and calls it the lottery. When in truth, a lottery is just a regressive stupid tax voluntarily paid by foolish people. But then Government rewards laziness and calls it welfare. The Government creates money out of thin air and calls it The Federal Reserve. The government allows killing of unborn children and calls it a choice.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. "Woe to those who decree unjust statutes and to those who continually record unjust decisions, to deprive the needy of justice, and to rob the poor of my people of their rights..." Isaiah 10:1,2.

Send a message to the Government just vote "NO" to the lottery and pray that we again can be called a Christian Republic that fears the Lord!

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August 20, 1999

Dear Editor:

We are hoping each and everyone concerned with the decay of our country will join with us in writing letters and telephoning our county, state and U.S. Representatives in requesting that new laws be passed to protect our communities from the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays and within one mile of a church or school in the country and one half mile in towns or cities.

And that an establishment getting a license to sell alcoholic beverages must have the approval of 51 percent of the surrounding district. This can only be done if the people stand up and let it be known we are tired of having our rights taken away.

Thank You,
Calvin Wade
Rep. Terry Spicer 1-334-242-7773
Sen. Jimmy Holley 1-334-670-3765

From The House...
By Congressman Terry Everett

Wanted: U.S. Military Academy Applications

Each year, it is my pleasure to accept applications and recommend appointments to the four United States military academies. As we approach a new school year, eligible young men and women interested in attending one of the academies should read this carefully.

The U.S. military academies desire a geographical distribution of cadets and midshipmen. This is achieved through the congressional nomination and appointment process, which assigns a certain number of vacancies at each academy to every congressional district. For instance, the Second Congressional District of Alabama may have up to five people at each academy at the same time. Each year, I go through the nomination process to select candidates for any vacancies which arise.

The process of applying to the military academies begins in high school, in the Spring of the junior year or the Fall of the senior year. At that time, students may contact my congressional office, expressing interest in The United States Military Academy at West Point, The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. Often, many young people have not made a final choice among academies, so they apply simultaneously to all four. (The Coast Guard Academy does not fall under these guidelines, so candidates apply directly to that academy.)

Academy rules require that I only consider legal residents of the Second Congressional District of Alabama. Those who live outside the Second District should contact their own congressman. Candidates are also eligible to apply to their two U.S. Senators for a nomination and must follow their particular guidelines for application. Those who have a parent who is active military are also eligible to apply to the President's and Vice President's office for a nomination.

When I receive a candidate's letter, I respond with application materials describing my office's guidelines, as well as information cards to be filled out and returned to each desired academy. From then until my deadline of **November 30th,** the young person must submit all required information, i.e. grades, letters of recommendation, test scores, and a biography. Simultaneously, they must also send each academy its own required application materials.

In December, after my files are closed, I review the applications and select the candidates I will nominate. I consider grades, school activities, physical aptitude, and ACT & SAT scores in making my selections. I then submit a slate of ten nominees per vacancy at each academy. Once a candidate is nominated, his or her name is then submitted to an academy for consideration for an appointment. Only after a candidate receives an appointment from an academy does he or she become part of the entering class.

TOP PEANUT GROWERS...Coffee County peanut growers Kenneth Sanders, Bryan Sanders and Alan Weeks were among approximately 45 outstanding peanut growers who were honored for their 1998 peanut production achievements during the first annual Southern Peanut Growers Conference. The meeting was a cooperative effort of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, Auburn University, the University of Florida, and the University of Georgia. Alabama Peanut Champions are: (L to R) front - Chappy Trawick, Eric Tew, Myron Johnson, Cynthia Fain, Barton Willoughby, Randy Bagents; back- Bobby Kelly, Doug Balkcom-Zeneca Ag Products-Sponsors of the Night of Champions Banquet, Mickey Ramsey and Mike Wood, Charlie Speak, Kenneth Sanders, Jerry Byrd.

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missioners.

Webb told commissioners that both Elba Mayor James Grimes and and New Brockton Mayor Britt Lee are working to resolve the problem for their immediate areas - city of Elba and the town of New Brockton - but this will not solve the potential problem facing the county. Areas outside their city and town are also concerns of Grimes and Lee but their first responsibility is to their citizens.

Webb explained that, at the present time, Elba has a private ambulance service providing emergency medical service to Elba residents and the surrounding area, but their first obligation is to Elba General Hospital with whom they are contracted to make inter-hospital transfers.

Bottom line, Webb told commissioners that this is an issue that needs immediate attention on the part of government. "This is not one of those issues that will go away if it is ignored," he said. "I don't have the solution but I certainly have some suggestions. i leave this with you, Mr. Chairman and commissioners."

Finally, commissioners voted to allow the sheriff to hire three (3) additional deputies for the purpose of providing full time security at each of the county's courthouses. Voting for were Commissioners Westbrook, Brooks, Lewis, and Stephens. Commissioners Averett, Dalrymple, and Grimsley voted against the measure. They favored getting bids from private security firms to provide the courthouse security.

Others actions taken by the commission consisted of the following:

***Approved two credit applications for landfill use from the Enterprise Nursing Home and Environmental Materials Incorporated of Montgomery.

***Authorized the county administrator to borrow funds to pay for three (3) vehicles which had been authorized for purchase by the highway department. The payments are already budgeted.

***Three nominees to the Board of Equalization were recommended by the commissioners. They are: Lennwood Herron, Malcom Davis, and Tom Dyess.

***Approved David Hicks & Associates to handle the engineering on the water extension project in the Ino Community.

***New policy approved allowing the county to pay 30% on family health insurance coverage for county employees.

***Rescinded motion in last meeting to install security system at the south entrance to the Elba Courthouse.

***Approved purchase of a refrigerator ($525) for the Elba Day Care Center.

***Okayed purchase of three (3) couches ($1,500) for the Enterprise Day Care Center.

***Approved use of the commission as a "vehicle" for a group in the Zion Chapel Community making application for a grant to construct a "walking trail".

***Appointed Carl Sanders to served the remaining term of the late Marion Sanders on the Coffee County Public Building Authority.

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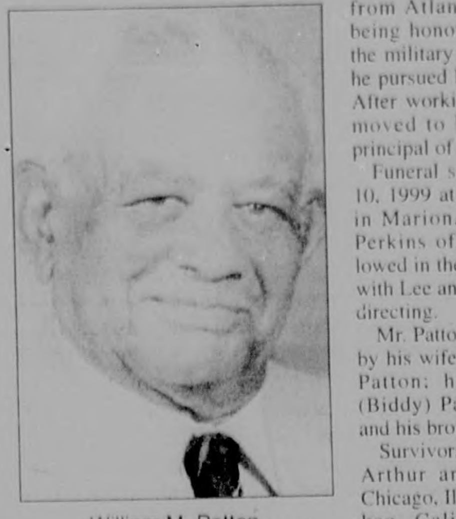

William M. Patton

WILLIAM (BUCK) MADISON PATTON

Mr. William (Buck) Madison Patton of Elba died Aug. 4, 1999 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan following a brief illness.

Mr. Patton was born in Marion, Ala., the oldest of three children to the late William M. and Lilly Webb Patton. He graduated from Lincoln Normal School, Knoxville College and received his Masters degree from Atlanta University. After being honorably discharged from the military at the rank of Captain, he pursued his goal as an educator. After working at other schools, he moved to Elba and became the principal of Mulberry High School.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 1999 at Berean Baptist Church in Marion, Ala. with Rev. S.R. Perkins officiating. Burial followed in the Marion City Cemetery with Lee and Rollins Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Patton was preceded in death by his wife, Mamie Oneil Peterson Patton; his daughter, Aquilla (Biddy) Patton, his sister, Helen and his brother, Paul.

Survivors include three nephews: Arthur and Charles Williams, Chicago, Ill., Ronnie Williams, Valhao, Calif.; a niece: Annette Williams, Chicago, Ill.; three sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and other relatives.

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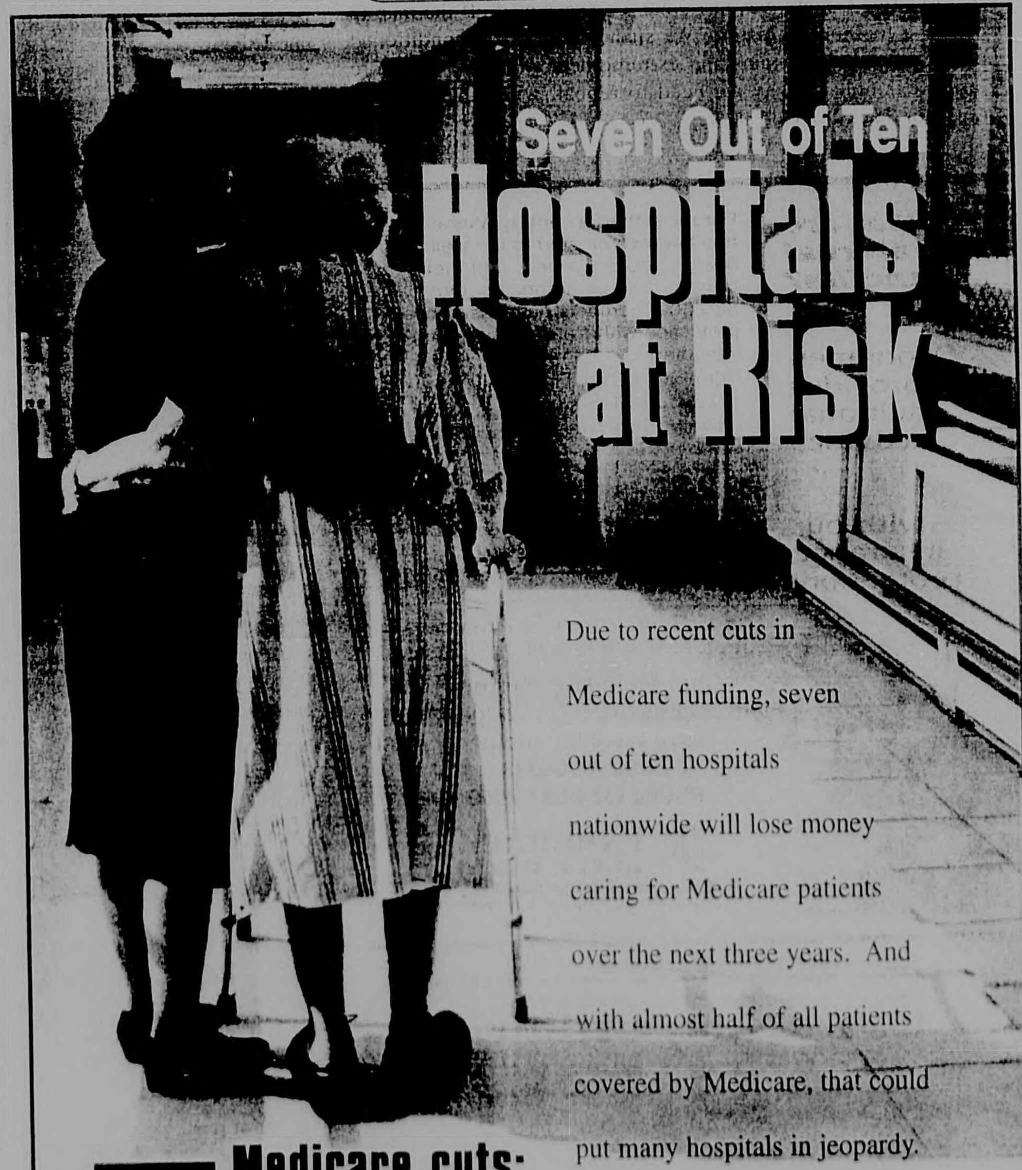

Due to recent cuts in Medicare funding, seven out of ten hospitals nationwide will lose money caring for Medicare patients over the next three years. And with almost half of all patients covered by Medicare, that could put many hospitals in jeopardy.

In a recent Alabama survey, half of the hospitals that responded are already losing money. It's a dangerous trend and one that must be stopped if we are to continue to have good access to hospital care.

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Before it's too late, call the Medicare funding hotline at (800) 943-0661 to send your message to Congress and the White House.

A MESSAGE FROM ALABAMA'S HOSPITALS.

LIFESTYLES

Clark–Moody wedding planned for September 18th

Miss Elizabeth Lee Clark

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Clark of Lake Park, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Lee Clark, to Joshua Robert Moody, son of Mrs. Roy Nathaniel Moody and the late Dr. Moody of Valdosta, Ga.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chastain Jr. of Hayneville, Ala., James G. Clark of Elba, and Mrs. Louise Clark of Selma, Ala. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Mrs. and Mrs. Gardner Clark of Elba. She is a graduate of Lowndes High School in Valdosta and Valdosta State University where she received a Bachelor's degree in psychology. She currently is employed as a teacher in Valdosta.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moses Blanton of Valdosta, Mrs. Dewey Eugene Moody Sr. of Jesup, Ga. and the late Mr. Moody. He attended Valdosta City Schools and Valwood School in Valdosta. He attends Georgia Military College and plans to transfer to Valdosta State University in the fall. He is currently employed with a landscaping business in Valdosta.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. on Sept. 18, 1999 at Lake Park United Methodist Church.

Area students on Dean's list at University of AL

A total of 2,547 students enrolled during the spring 1999 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or above; or the President's List with academic records of 4.0. Area students being recognized were: Elena Ann Strong, Elba; Chad Wesley Bryan, Brantley; and Heather Leigh Miles, Brantley.

NOTICE TO THE CLASS OF 1989

Elba High School's Class of 1989 will hold it's 10-year class reunion on Oct. 29-30, 1999. The weekend's events are currently being planned. Various information and money is needed by Oct. 1, 1999 from class members planning to attend the reunion. If you have any questions, call (770) 412-1907. Please make plans now to join us.

Miss Fuqua & Mr. Smith

Fuqua-Smith to wed September 3rd

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fuqua of Andalusia announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Debra Jean Fuqua of Andalusia, to Jeff R. Smith of Elba, son of Mrs. Margie R. Smith and the late Martin V. Smith of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Arvelia M. Ingram and the late Willie H. Maen of Andalusia and Bettie M. Fuqua and Willie Fuqua of Andalusia. She graduated from Andalusia High School and is currently employed in Opp.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Jessie Tenioun Smith and the late Ruby Smith of Elba and the late Will Rowland and the late Fannie Rowland of Hartwell, Ga. He graduated from Elba High School and currently is employed in Elba.

The wedding will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 3 at Oakey Ridge Baptist Church. Invitations will not be sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

"An Afternoon with a Star" to be presented by Coffee County Arts Alliance

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents a preseason event for the 1999-2000 season, "An Afternoon with a Star."

Josiane Lorentz, Mezzo-Soprano, a faculty member of the conservatory of Strasbourg, France, will perform in a special recital in continuing celebration of the 25th Anniversary season of the Coffee County Arts Alliance. The recital will be Sunday, Aug. 29, at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise State Junior College Fine Arts Building, Room 110. Come hear the music of the masters: Grieg, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Mendelssohn and Ravel.

For more information on the upcoming season, contact Suzanne Sawyer, CCAA president, at 347-1602, or Ginny Canon, publicity chairman, at 393-2797.

Lashley Reunion planned for August 28th

The Lashley Reunion will be held Aug. 28 in the Westville Community Center in Westville, Fla. All friends and relatives are invited to come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Jerkins Family Reunion to be held September 25th

All Jerkins Family Members are invited to the Jerkins Family Reunion at the Robertsdale Volunteer Fire Department in Robertsdale, Ala. on Sept. 25. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and come meet lots of cousins you never knew existed. Bring family pictures, socialize and even learn a little family history. For more information, contact Doris Hastings (334) 947-5499 or Jack Butler (850) 421-7756.

Coffee County Auburn Club to meet September 2nd

The Coffee County Auburn Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the New Brockton Farm Center Community Room. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by an Auburn Network televised broadcast beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $8 for children. Membership dues are $10 for single members and $15 for family. For more information, please call Jim Sparrow at 393-3366.

Free classes in English offered at ESJC

FREE classes in English at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, for those who do not speak, read, or write the language, are offered at Enterprise State Junior College on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. These classes are offered through ESJC and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network. To find out more call 393-ESJC, ext. 218!

University Of Alabama awards degrees

The University of Alabama awarded approximately 1,100 degrees at Summer Commencement exercised held Saturday, Aug. 14, on the UA campus. Lana Nicole Spurlin of Elba was among the graduates and received her Bachelor of Arts degree.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

NEW ARRIVAL

FRED DENSON CLARK III

Blake and Fred Clark announce the birth of their son, Fred Denson Clark III, born June 7, 1999 in Montgomery. At birth he weighed 6 lbs, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Charlotte Clark and the late Fred D. Clark Senior, of Elba and Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Gutrie of Union Springs, AL.

He was welcomed home by his sister Laura Catherine, age 3.

Billy Driggers

Billy Driggers is six years old

Billy Maurice Driggers II celebrated his sixth birthday on Aug. 14 at his home. Billy enjoyed his Star Wars cake and opening his gifts.

Billy is the son of Billy and Bridget Driggers and the big brother of Alexander, age 2. His grandparents are Ricky and Linda Berry and Bill and JoAnne Driggers, all of Elba, and Mary Pelletier of Long Beach, Calif.

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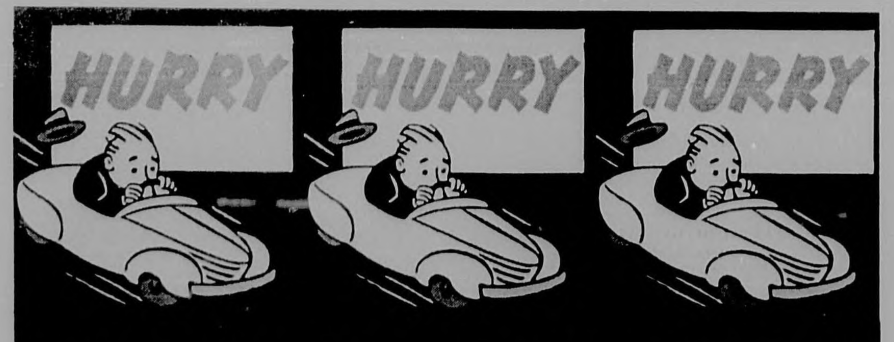

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Can Religion help?

Man has been called a religious animal. The Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics lists hundreds of ways in which men have tried to satisfy their longings and feelings. The have worshipped the sun, moon and stars; earth, fire and water; idols of wood, stone and metal; fish, birds and animals. The have worshipped countless gods and spirits which have been the products of their own perverted imagination. Others have attempted to worship the true God through a vast variety of sacrifices, ceremonies, sacraments and services. But religion, however sincere, can never solve man's sin problem for at least three reasons.

Religion can never satisfy God. Religion is man's attempt to make himself right with God, but any such attempt is futile because even man's best efforts are flawed and so are unacceptable to God. The Bible could not be clearer: "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6)." God demands perfection; religion fails to meet that demand.

Religion can never remove sin. Our virtues can never cancel out our vices. Good deeds can never remove bad ones. If a person gets right with God it is "not by works, so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:9)." No religious effort or experiences - christening, confirmation, baptism, the Lord's Supper, churchgoing, prayers, gifts, sacrifices of time and effort, Bible reading or anything else - can cancel out a single sin.

Religion can never change man's sinful nature. A person's behavior is not the problem, only the symptom. The heart of man's problem is the problem of man's heart, and by nature man's heart is corrupt and depraved. Going to church and taking part in religious ceremonies may make you feel good, but they cannot make you good. "Who can bring what is pure from the impure? No one! (Job 14:4)."

Some of the religious activities mentioned above are obviously "good" in themselves. For example, it is right to go to church, to read the Bible and pray, because God tells us to do these things. But you dare not rely on them to make you right with God. Not only are they powerless to do so; trusting in them actually adds to your sin and to your condemnation.

If Religion cannot help, what can? God's desire, as expressed in the Bible, is that we have a personal relationship with Him. How is this possible? 1 Peter 3:18 says, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit." Jesus died for our sins on the cross and rose from the dead, so that, by trusting His completed work of redemption, we might be brought back into right standing with God. It is a relationship with God through Jesus Christ His Son that we need. Religion won't help, but a relationship will!

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C.C. Baptist Institute of Samford Univ. Ext. offering courses

The Coffee County Baptist Institute of Samford University's Extension Division is offering courses in: Elementary Greek, I and II Thessalonians, and Personal Evangelism. The semester begins Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m. and ends on Nov. 22. The instructors are well qualified, Dr. John Granger and Reverend Dickie McAllister. For information, call 347-6717, 894-6411/5166 or (205) 726-2731.

Pleasant Ridge Church to host gospel singing

Pleasant Ridge Church near Victoria will have a gospel singing on Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. The church is located on County Road 228. Everyone is invited.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plans "Old Fashioned Day"

Vanderbilt Holiness Church, County Road 114 - one mile past Southland, will host "Old Fashioned" Day on Sunday, Aug. 29. Special speaker for the morning service will be Bro. Roy Turner. Dinner on the grounds will follow. There also will be a singing in the afternoon featuring "Higher Reach" from Troy. Everyone is invited.

"The Bradys" to be in concert at Wooten Chapel

"The Bradys" will be in concert at Wooten Chapel in New Brockton on Friday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. Nominated as "Horizon Group of the Year" in southern gospel music, "The Bradys" are an energetic, young trio that is igniting fires of enthusiasm all across the country.

Pastor Mike Medley of Wooten Chapel welcomes the general public to attend. The church is located five miles south of New Brockton on County Road 514.

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!!!

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Scripture: John 3:16

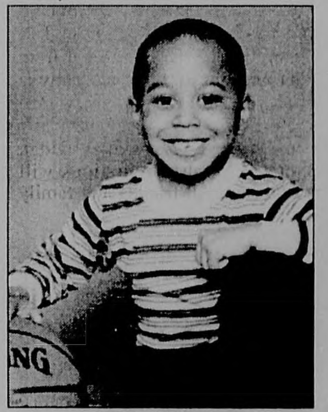
Thinking of you, praying for you: Edith Brown, Pearlceal James, Rev. Charles Lane, Pattie Daniels, Catherine Edwards, Jemison Gray, Bernard Reynolds, Kelvin Burks, Margo Kelley, Charlie Tillis, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr.

Ree'Nita Brooks

Happy Birthday - Ree'Nita Na Tessa Brooks

Ree'Nita Brooks, daughter of Wiley and Juanita Brooks of Enterprise, celebrated her 10th birthday on Aug. 17. Her grandparents are Ella M. Brooks of Enterprise and Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba. She has a brother, De'Nard.

Ree'Nita is in the fifth grade at Holly Hill Elementary School in Enterprise.



Isaac Nelson

Happy Birthday - Isaac Nelson

Isaac Nelson, son of John and Christina Nelson, celebrated his sixth birthday on Aug. 18. He celebrated with a party at Chunk-A-Wonka in Dothan and a pool party at his uncle's house on Aug. 21. Isaac's grandparents are R.C. and Annie Pearl Carpenter and Lawrence and Maple Nelson. His great-grandmother is Hattie Bell Carpenter. He has two siblings, Nicholas and Johnathan.

***Brotherhood Breakfast at Rocky Head MB Church will be held Sunday, Aug. 29, at 8 a.m.

***Rocky Head Youth Group is hosting an Activities Day on Monday, Sept. 6, at Hawkins-Williams Park in Elba. They are scheduling a church league softball tournament for the day. There is not entry fee for the tournament. If anyone knows of any church that would like to participate, call Melvin at 897-3334 for further information. Activities will also be set up for smaller children. The concession stand will be open. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, please sign the form on the bulletin board. We are asking for the total support, not just from the youth groups, but the entire Rocky Head Church Group.

Thank you.
The RHMBC Youth Group Coordinators

Kelvin Burks

Bro. Kevin Burks to speak

You are invited to share in and witness to the Word of God, as Bro. Kelvin Burks delivers his trial sermon on September 12, 1999 at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Elba.

***One Hundred Seventieth Founders Day Program of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association will be Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m at the Mulberry Association Education Building on Highway 84 West in Elba. Note: All churches of the Mulberry Baptist District Association are asked to contribute $50.

***The Mulberry Missionary District Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union is to meet with the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Luverne, Ala. on Aug. 29. Services to begin at 9:45 a.m. Officers: President - Rev. J.M. Bryant; Vice President - Dea. J.L. Williams; Secretary - Sis. Eria Lindsey Belcher; Assistant Secretary - Sis. Mamie Williams; Women Department - Sis. Maggie Bryant; Corresponding Secretary - Sis. Catheryn Carpenter; Youth Department - Sis. Brittany Daniels & Sis. Melissa Kelley; Youth Teacher - Sis. Kimberly Kelley; Sunday School Teacher - Bro. Alan Belcher.

Today is a good day, be grateful!
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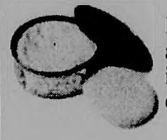

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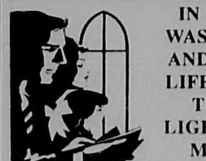

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Louie Reynolds, Interim Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class....6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Church Service....9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School....11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training....5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed....7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROHECY
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Homer F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:30 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Services....6:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Study....6:15 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J. L. Grayer, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Danny Sherrer, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Morn. Worship....8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlie Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Jankoski, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Gerry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:15 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
John Freeman, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Training Union....5:00 p.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors
Saturday Service....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Youth Service....6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Bobby Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS
Jimmie Bryan, Minister
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service....6:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Ray Layton, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class....6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seavey
Sunday Morn. Service....10:30 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service....5:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Hirron & Linda Williams, Ministers
Sunday....10 & 11 a.m.
Sunday Even....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Even....7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even....7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Bible Study....5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST
Rev. Faron Golden, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben Amlong, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Walter Faulk, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Serv....6:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. C. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:30 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wise, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

AYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Billy Paul McCollough
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Tues Bible Study....7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service....7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ron Stallard, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
John D. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor
Sunday School....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Alfred Ikner, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Jimmy Maddox, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
Nathen Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Thursday Service....7:00 p.m.

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SCHOOLS

New "Head" Coach

Coach Julius Head

by Sara K. Miller

There is a new face on the football field this year, and it is not one of the players!

Coach Julius Head is the new head coach of the Elba Varsity Tigers. A graduate of Greenville High School and Sanford University with a degree in Physical Education, Coach Head has been coaching for 35 years.

His hobbies include golf and fishing. Coach Head enjoys visiting with his grandchildren and watching television to relieve his stress.

One reason he came to Elba High is because his wife Debbie graduated from here, and he has family here. Coach Head says his favorite thing about Elba High is the "great faculty and administration."

His goal for the football team is to turn the program around and gain the community's support for athletics at Elba High School. He asks for the town's pride and support in making this football season the best that it can be. Please come out and support the Elba Tigers!

Meet Mrs Hagen

Mrs. Rebecca Hagen

by Kimberly Ward

Mrs. Rebecca Bryan Hagen is one of the newest faculty members at EHS. Mrs. Hagen attended Pike County High School in Brundidge, Ala. and continued her education with a degree in business at Enterprise State Junior College. She also received a degree in Elementary Education from Troy State University. Mrs. Hagen has been teaching for 22 years. She decided to come to Elba for the quality students and the school. When asked what makes Elba different from her previous school, she said, "The atmosphere and the people can't be beat."

In her spare time, Mrs. Hagen enjoys sewing and biking. She also likes to work in her garden when she is not traveling. We are looking forward to Mrs. Hagen being a part of the Elba High School faculty.

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Tiger Tales

AEC - The Sights

by Tiffany Farris

I had the opportunity to tour Washington D.C. this summer. I went with 36 other juniors from the state of Alabama, and also students from 41 other states.

The AEC sponsors a writing contest each year where 11th grade Advanced English students write an essay. The topic this year was Lighting Rural America: What Electric Cooperatives Have Done For Rural America.

Mrs. Padgett, our English teacher, made each student write a paper and from those students she picked the top ten. Then she sent the top ten papers to AEC where they picked the top five. Four others and I then competed to win the trip to Washington D.C. The five of us had to take a test and go for an interview. Then our papers, interviews, and tests were calculated. The person with the highest score was the winner. Therefore, I was able to go to Washington D.C. for a week.

I flew there on June 19 and returned June 24. I had the opportunity to meet people from different parts of Alabama, and not only that, but from everywhere across the nation.

Tiffany Farris

We had the opportunity to learn more about the cooperatives and take part in political "town meetings." We visited almost every historical site in Washington. I can not name one thing I did not get to see.

We met with U.S. Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions and the Representatives from each District.

I had the best time in Washington. I can honestly say this was a trip I will always remember. It was fun and exciting. I wish I could go back again.

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***1/4 page with 2 pictures-$70**
***1/2 page with 4 pictures-$110**
***Full page with up to 8 pictures-$160**
To purchase a Grad Ad, please contact Julie Norris at Elba High School by August 31,1999.

ESJC NEWS

COMMUNITY CHORUS If you love to sing, join Enterprise State Junior College's Community Chorus. Participants, along with the ESJC Singers, will present a performance in December. The Chorus meets on Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., Sept. 20 - Nov. 29. There is a $10 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Sept. 13.

USING THE INTERNET How to Use the Internet is a special interest course being offered at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. This course will provide some quick tips on how to surf the World Wide Web. It is designed for students who have had NO experience using the Internet. The course is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There is a $25 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Sept. 13. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

WRITING WORKSHOP Learn how to write a novel with Enterprise State Junior College's new Intensive Novel Writing Workshop. This course is designed for adults. During the workshop, participants will learn how to develop a story structure, characters, dialogue, and descriptions. Helpful techniques to use in getting a novel published will also be discussed. The workshop will be led by award winning author, Bonnie Stone. Mrs. Stone has published magazine articles, and both children's and non-fiction books. Classes will be held on Mondays, Sept. 20 - Oct. 25, 6-8:30 p.m. There is a $60 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Sept. 13.

First Day Of School Can Be Scary

by Stephanie Williams

The first day of school can be very scary if you are a new student. However, if you are a senior it can be very exciting. We asked Alex Benbow, a seventh grader, about his first day of high school.

"My first day as a seventh grader was a lot different than what I had expected, but in a good way. I was a little nervous at first but once the day began it was not half as bad as I had anticipated. My favorite part about the day is lunch because I get to pick my own food. One major difference between high school and elementary school is the amount of freedom; I don't have teachers breathing down my neck all day. I'm glad I finally made it to the seventh grade, and I'm hoping I make it to the eighth!"

We also asked senior, Vaughan Boyd, about her first day.

"The first day of my senior year has now come and gone. It began just as any other first day has over the years, with the normal routine of not wanting to get out of bed. All summer long I have made comments about being a senior, but it never really hit me seriously, until Tuesday morning during the assembly that it's not just talk, it's real! That the class of 2000 has begun their last year! The lump in my throat grew as the underclassmen stood quietly as we, the seniors, made our way into the auditorium. We all felt special and indeed, honored, as this was the first time that we had been recognized as seniors.

As we walk down the halls of EHS, it is a special feeling knowing that we are role models and should set an example for all other students. Hopefully, we the class of 2000 will not let you down!"

Pictured above are: Senior Vaughan Boyd & Seventh Grader Alex Benbow

Britt Grimes Makes Pre-Season AFP All-State

by Katie Vaughan

One of Elba High School's students has received yet another honor. Senior, Britt Grimes, was presented the Pre-Season All-State Award by the Alabama Football Preview. A review of the stats from the 1998 football season showed that he is deserving of the honor. Britt is one of two defensive ends who received this award.

Elba City Schools looks for children

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, age's 3-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting.

If you are the parent of a child with disabilities or know of someone who is disabled, please contact the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Elba City Board of Education at 897-2801.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Elba Elementary School Menu
August 30 - September 3, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Applesauce, Milk
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Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbeque, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, Banana, Milk

UCA All Star Cheerleaders

by Emilee Qualls

On August 3, 1999, three Elba Cheerleaders were chosen to represent Elba as All Star Cheerleaders. Try-outs were during Cheerleading Camp where each girl had to do her own cheer, dance, and jump. Katie Vaughan and Chelsea Cooper were selected from Varsity and Kaci Grantham from Junior Varsity. They have the opportunity to cheer in the Millennium Parade in London, England from December 26 through January 2. Congratulations and Good Luck!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Stephen Foster Black to be keynote speaker at Coffee County ADC Banquet

On Saturday, Sept. 4, Coffee County may make a bit of history when Stephen Foster Black comes to Enterprise to keynote the Annual Fellowship Awards Dinner of the Coffee County Democratic Conference at Enterprise State Junior College at 7 p.m.

The 26-year-old Stephen Black is the youngest grandson of Hugo Black, the Clay County native who rose up the ranks to become a distinguished member of the United States Supreme Court for 34 years.

Stephen hopes that he can acquire, in time, his grandfather's passion for the U.S. Constitution, as well as Hugo Black's reverence for the important role of the Constitution in respect to public morality, liberty and equality.

In speeches to civic groups Stephen stresses the importance of coalition-building and voting as a means of expressing our interracial connectedness and humanity.

Since being in the state, he has been selected by the State Democratic Party to direct its delegate selection process to the Democratic National Convention in the year 2000. In Birmingham, where he currently resides, he serves as president of the Magic City Democrats.

Jamilla D. Flowers enters basic military training

Army Reserve Pvt. Jamilla D. Flowers has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Flowers is the daughter of Willie C. and Mary J. Flowers of 191 County Road 500, Elba. She is a 1999 graduate of New Brockton High School.

87th Infantry to celebrate Golden Anniversay Reunion

On Sept. 26 to Oct. 3, the 87th (Golden Acorn) Infantry Division will hold and celebrate its 50th Anniversary Reunion at the Drawbridge Estates in Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

The combat ability of the 87th Infantry Division was held in high regard by Gen. George Patton, Commander of the U.S. Third Army, and this Division received three Bronze Battle Stars for its most valiant efforts in the battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. For additional information on the 87th Infantry Division and 50th Anniversary contact, Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N. Dundee Ct., Highland, Mich. 48356-3716. Telephone (248)887-9005 or e-mail GAPEX1@aol.com.

Free adult education classes to be offered at ESJC

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring a session to New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m; four separate sessions to ESJC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. - New this Fall for Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. - Noon, will be Career Training/Personal Development classes on Tuesdays, Family Enrichment/GED Preparation classes on Wednesdays, English Review/GED classes on Thursdays, and Math Review/GED classes on Fridays; and a session to the Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9 a.m. - Noon. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes!

Fayetteville to hold Old Fashion Country Fair

The Fayetteville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department will hold its annual Old Fashion Country Fair on Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fair will be held on the grounds of Fayetteville School. There will be plenty of food, antiques, entertainment, various children's games and a historical tour of homes. Admission for the day is $2.

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SPORTS

Views from .... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The new school year is in full swing, and at the Mularz house that means a very busy time for Mom, Dad and both of the girls. Melissa is a junior this year and in between playing volleyball and cheering there are never enough hours in the day, or night, for her to get everything done, while Melanie is in the fifth grade, and after joining the band now serenades us almost every night with the lovely sounds of her saxophone. Mom's taxi isn't quite as busy as in years past since Melissa has her driver's license, but she still follows the girls around, and Dad tries to find time in his 14-hour a day schedule to watch volleyball, listen to saxophone practice, support the schools and try to find time to at least say "Hi" to Mom. Now that the summer vacation is over, I need a vacation!

OPENING WEEK OF FOOTBALL SHOULD BE INTERESTING

The high school football season kicks off this week, and it should be a very interesting week of action for all the teams in the coverage area. The season will open tonight (Thursday) when Elba heads up to Brantley, while New Brockton, Kinston, and Zion Chapel will all be at home Friday night for their season openers. Here's a quick look at all the teams and my gut feeling about what lies ahead....

*** **ELBA TIGERS** - The Tigers seem to be fired up about the upcoming season and believe that they will post a winning season. Coach Julius Head has tried to get the team as fundamentally sound as possible heading into the season, and while it may be a few weeks before the Tigers are actually ready to hit on all cylinders, the Tigers should be a much improved team when they take the field against Brantley. If Elba can move the ball consistently on offense, and play tough, hard-nosed football on defense, they could have a shot at posting that winning record they all want so badly.

*** **NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS** - The Gamecocks are short on numbers and experience, but have a solid corp of seniors that have never lost in any sport, and if they can stay injury free should have a real shot at improving on last year's success. Coach Keith Thrasher has his system in place at Brockton and knows what this group can do, and despite the rumors of impending doom for the Gamecocks, I think this bunch has something it wants to show everyone. I may be the only one around that feels this way, but I think the '99 Gamecocks will be fun to watch and hard to beat on every Friday night this season.

*** **KINSTON BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs have been caged up for the past two years and have to be chomping at the bits to rip into somebody and win a football game. Last season's 0-10 season made many of the folks down in Kinston wonder out loud if football was really all that important at the school. That question should be answered by this year's team, because this bunch works as hard as any team around and Coach Mickey Jacobs is convinced that this will be the Bulldog team that takes a step forward. Kinston's schedule doesn't contain any easy win, but the wins could come if the Bulldogs can get a few breaks and win a game early in the season. This could be an interesting season in K-town.

*** **ZION CHAPEL REBELS** - The Rebels continue to be plagued with a lack of numbers, and while this year's team is only an injury or two away from a disaster, it may also be a break or two away from being a winning team. The Rebels have some quality players at key positions, and despite the lack of wins in recent years, plays to win every time it takes the field no matter the opposition. Coach Randy Grant has his players believing they can win, and believing in him and his program. Numbers, or a lack there of, will again play a major role in the success of the Rebels in '99, but the guess here is that Zion Chapel will be much better than many think no matter what the record might state.

*** **BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs have practically everybody back off last year's state championship team, and if the Bulldogs don't get the big head and don't believe what they read in the papers about how good they are, they should have an excellent chance at winning back-to-back titles. There is no doubt Coach David Lowrey inherited a 1A power up in Brantley, and there is also no doubt that the Bulldogs will be improved in many areas because of Coach Lowrey's knowledge of the game. Brantley's biggest opponent could very well be overconfidence! Hey, the Bulldogs are loaded with talent, size, strength and speed, and the players know what it feels like to win a state championship and remembers what it takes to get there. I can't wait to see this bunch in action!

WHO IS GOING TO BE GOOD IN '99? HERE ARE MY GUESSES

The 1999 high school football season is here, and despite what the arm chair quarterbacks think, it is impossible to forecast how good any team is going to be just because they look good in practice, or was good last season. I get asked all the time how good teams are going to be. I honestly don't know, but here is what I think....

*** **CLASS 1A** - Brantley should be head and shoulders better than anyone in this part of the state in 1A circles, while Frisco City will be improved, Florala will be much better than anyone thinks and G.W. Long appears ready to bounce back with a vengeance. Other teams to keep an eye on could be Sweet Water, A.L. Johnson and Notasulga.

*** **CLASS 2A** - Geneva County should be hard to beat again this season, as should New Brockton, Cottonwood, and Georgiana. Other teams to keep an eye on include Southern Choctaw, Wicksburg, Highland Home and Alabama Christian.

*** **CLASS 3A** - UMS-Wright will be the team to beat in South Alabama in the 3A ranks, while Luverne, St. James and Briarwood will also be hard to beat on any given night. Other teams to watch should be Flomaton, Leroy, Elba and Montgomery Academy.

*** **CLASS 4A** - Daleville, T.R. Miller and St. Pauls should once again be teams to watch in the 4A ranks, while teams that could surprise some folks include Geneva, Pike County, Rehobeth and Thomasville.

*** **CLASS 5A** - Opp, Charles Henderson and Greenville should be the top teams in the area, but Blount will always be the top team in South Alabama. Other folks that should be headed for winning records include Monroe County, Carroll, Eufaula and Wetumpka.

*** **CLASS 6A** - Enterprise might be better than it has in years, while Opelika is picked #1 in the state, and other area teams that will be hard to beat will include Dothan, Northview, Robert E. Lee and Jeff Davis.

ELBA TO FIELD THREE TEAMS IN YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Tri-County Youth Football League will kick off its season this week and Elba will once again have three teams in the youth program. It was feared that Elba might not have enough players to field a team in the 11-12 age group (pee wee), but at a meeting last week fifteen players showed up, and the team is now working hard to get ready for its season opener, which will come in the third week of the season. All the players and coaches have been working hard in the heat to get ready, and I urge everyone to come out and watch the kids in action. They deserve your support and will surprise you with their skills. Kick off Saturday night at Miller Stadium will be 6:00 PM.

THUMBING THROUGH THE NOTEBOOK....

*** There is a rumor going around that the 1999 Elba High "Homecoming" game will be played at Miller Memorial Stadium, and whether the game is played at the old stadium or not, it will be a special night for Elba Tiger football fans as members of the 1989 state championship team will be honored at halftime. The Tigers brought home Elba's first state championship ever under the playoff system, and will return on the 10th anniversary of the championship season. Also in attendance at the game will be many of the members of the 1979 team that snapped Andalusia's long winning streak. The seniors on that team will be back for their 20th reunion, and along with the '89 players, may very well bring back to Elba some of the best players to ever put on the black and gold. It should be special!

*** While there is always plenty of excitement about the start of the high school football season, the excitement will be somewhat dampening over at Wheeler High School, in Georgia. One of the team's players has been in critical condition in intensive care since a heat-related incident in late July, while on August 14 another team member drowned after an accident at the team's football camp at a park. The youngster died after dropping from a zip line into the water, and the accident obviously put an end to the preseason camp.

*** I can remember when the headlines leading up the beginning of the high school and college football seasons dealt with who would start at quarterback, how tough schedules were and some of the top early-season match ups. Saturday morning I picked up a *Dothan Eagle* and the two top stories on the Sports page were about Bill Oliver settling his lawsuit against Auburn and how the woman that filed the complaint about Mike DuBose had received an 11 percent pay raise shortly before the word got out about their alleged relationship. At the bottom of the page was an article about Ward Burton winning the pole for NASCAR's Pepsi 400. Maybe I should start at the front page and work my way back.

*** I realize that college football is a big money sport, but the people up at Auburn have certainly proved that point since the end of last season as they have passed out as much cash as many small banks. Auburn settled last week with former-Coach Bill Oliver for $210,000, had earlier given $600,000 to former-Coach Terry Bowden and handed $500,000 out to Florida State to get out of their contract with the Seminoles. When you add the $700,000 given to new-Coach Tommy Tubberville, it has been a very expensive off-season for Auburn. I bet the folks up at Auburn will be glad when the season starts.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS IN WEEK #1

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office Sunday morning and was complaining about how hard it was to pick the winners in high school football during the early weeks of the season. While he is right, it is also true that some games are nothing more than gimmes late in the year, and it all balances out. Anyway, here are his week #1 picks....

ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs will kick off the season Thursday night and a huge crowd will be on hand to see if the Bulldogs will be as good as predicted. While most of the people there will be on hand to watch Brantley, the Tigers from Elba will make the trip with one thought in mind - to win the football game. It should be close for a while, but Brantley may simply have too many weapons!

BRANTLEY 26 ELBA 10

NEW BROCKTON VS. LUVERNE

The Gamecocks lost big to the powerful Tigers from Luverne a year ago and will be out to repay the favor Friday night. While it is true New Brockton lost its entire line on both sides of the football, it still has some pretty good players in some key positions, and should be able to play with the Tigers. Too bad close only counts in horse shoes and hand grenades.

LUVERNE 22 NEW BROCKTON 20

ZION CHAPEL VS. THORSBY

It will be a battle of the Rebels up in Jack Friday night as the home-standing Rebels circle their wagons for an invasion from the Rebels of Thorsby. Zion Chapel's big win in the jamboree last spring should have given the Rebels a much needed shot of confidence, and with a break or two the Rebels could pull off a surprise. If not this week, the wins will come sooner than many expect.

THORSBY 20 ZION CHAPEL 12

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Kinston Bulldogs are brimming with excitement and confidence after a very good preseason, while the Ariton Purple Cats are down in numbers and a little behind after a late change in coaches. If the Bulldogs get off to a fast start they could grab a very big win, but if the 'Cats' score first it could be their game to win. The guess here is that the 'Cats' will scratch the scoreboard first and barely escape with the win.

ARITON 18 KINSTON 15

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Ashford 14 Pike County 8
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T.R. Miller 14 Clarke County 6
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W.S. Neal 22 Hillcrest 15
St. Paul's 24 Andalusia 7
Charles Henderson 14 Carroll 10
Dothan 10 Greenville 8
Wetumpka 20 Opp 17
Northview 17 Baldwin County 14
R.E. Lee 21 Carver 0
Jeff Davis 14 Lanier 3
Enterprise 20 Foley 10
Opelika 21 Vigor 10

Elba's Coach Head says Tigers will face toughest opponent of season in opener against Brantley

The Elba Tigers will be in the prep football spotlight on Thursday night when they kick off the 1999 high school football season against the defending 1A state champion Brantley Bulldogs, in Brantley.

Both teams will be under the guidance of new head coaches for the season opener, with Elba being led by veteran high school coach Julius Head, and Brantley being coached by former Elba coach David Lowrey.

"This will be my 34th season opener as a football coach and the feelings never change," said Elba's Coach Julius Head. "It is a feeling of excitement, anticipation and a little apprehension, especially this year with a new team. Our players have had to learn a lot over the summer, but they have learned their lessons well and have worked hard to get better as individuals and as a team. The players know how good Brantley is and know it will be a real challenge, and are ready to get on the field and meet that challenge."

"Brantley will be every bit as good as advertised," added Coach Head. "This was supposed to be the year in which they won it all, but they came together a year early and won it last season. This team is loaded with athletes, has good size, excellent team speed and a strong line that can dominate a game. On offense we expect Brantley to do what it did a year ago. However, with Roland Jones, Jr., calling the plays that means you never really know what is coming. They have three good backs that can break the long run at any time, a quarterback with a strong arm and some very talented receivers. Brantley has an offense that will challenge a defense everywhere on the field. If we are to slow'em down, we will have to make them drive the ball for a long distance and not give up any big plays. Brantley likes to go for the big play on offense, and if we can make them drive the ball maybe we can stop them, or they might stop themselves. Our defense has been improving and is really getting to the football. If we tackle well and get after the football, we should be competitive on the defensive side of the ball."

"We really don't know what Brantley will do on defense," said Head, "but it will probably be similar to what Coach Lowrey did when he was the defensive coordinator here at Elba. Brantley has some mighty good players on defense and they really like to hit. Our offense will have to control the ball and put points on the scoreboard when we get the chance. We must not have any turnovers and must minimize mistakes to have any chance of being successful on offense. We have looked decent at times on offense when everyone was healthy, and we expect to be full speed Thursday night. I think we will be balanced on offense and can be effective running and passing. We have a little depth at running back, and should be able to keep fresh backs in the game. The offensive line is improving and getting quicker, and hopefully will rise to the occasion Thursday night."

"Don't you doubt for one minute that Brantley will be as good as any team we play the entire season," stated Coach Head. "We will go to Brantley knowing it will be a real challenge, but a challenge that we will accept and try our best to come away with a win."

The Tigers' starting line-up on offense will find Bradley Bowers at quarterback, Tony Burks at fullback, Derek Coleman at tailback, Brandon Salter at center, Britt Grimes and Greg Williams at guard, Carson Waters and Gavin Mauldin at tackle, Jep Dubose at tight-end, Dustin Stinson at flanker, and Josh Lawford at split-end.

The starting defense will find Britt Grimes and Brandon Salter at ends, Carson Waters and Gavin Mauldin at tackle, Derek Coleman at nose guard, Jep Dubose, Cassius Wilson and Bradley Bowers at linebackers, and Josh Lawford, Dustin Stinson, Alan Head, Tony Burks and Derrick Brooks in the secondary.

Kick off Thursday night in Brantley is set for 7:30 PM.

1989 state championship team to be honored Oct.29

The 1989 State Champion Elba Tiger football team will be honored at this year's homecoming game on Friday night, Oct.29. All team members, managers and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend and be honored during halftime festivities.

A post-game reception is also planned for all in attendance. For more information call Dr. Billy Farris at 897-5024.

Youth football league to open season Saturday night in Elba

The Tri-County Youth Football League will kick off its season on Saturday night, August 28, and in local action Elba will host New Brockton. The midget game will kick off at 6:00 PM, to be followed with a termite game at 7:15. There will be no pee-wee game.

"We feel like all three of our teams will be competitive this season," said Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz. "The pee wee team got off to a late start and won't open their season until the third week to give them time to practice, but the midgets and termites have been working hard for a couple of weeks and are ready to play."

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No easy openers as '99 high school football season kicks off

The 1999 high school football season will kick off this week with all five area teams hitting the field in search of a season-opening win.

Opening week battles will find Elba at Brantley, Thorsby at Zion Chapel, Ariton at Kinston and Luverne at New Brockton..

Following are previews of the opening week action:

ELBA AT BRANTLEY

The Elba Tigers are hoping that a new coach and a new attitude will carry them to a season opening upset over the defending Class 1A state champion Brantley Bulldogs, in a Thursday night contest, in Brantley.

Coach Julius Head will lead the Tigers into the "Dog Pound" in his debut as the head coach at Elba, and while the Tigers are considered to be huge under-dogs, the Tigers are confident they can indeed pull off an upset.

"We have a great bunch of kids here that are willing to work hard to be winners," said Coach Head, "they just need to win some games. We have a good nucleus of players back from last season, but we do have a lack of truly talented athletes. With good work habits we should get better as the season progresses."

The Elba offense will be led by the senior trio of quarterback Bradley Bowers and running backs Tony Burks and Derek Coleman. Bowers (5'11", 180) began the '98 season as the Tigers' signal caller before moving to tight-end, and gives the Elba offense a true threat both as a runner and a passer. Burks (5'7", 160) was Elba's leading rusher last season with 535 yards on 81 carries, and also pulled in 3 passes for 62 yards and averaged over 20 yards per return on 11 kick returns. Coleman (6', 198) saw action at fullback and tailback last year for the Tigers, and gained 406 yards on just 72 carries, an average of almost six yards per carry. Burks gives the Tigers a breakaway threat at the running back position, while Coleman provides the offense with a banger that can run around or over an opposing defender.

The offensive line may be one of Elba's biggest in many years, with Brandon Salter (6', 190) anchoring the line at center, joined by returning starters Jep Dubose (6', 192) at tight-end, Carson Waters (6'2", 225) at tackle and Britt Grimes (6', 225) at guard. The line should be one of the team's strong points, and when combined with the Tigers running back tandem of Burks and Coleman, could provide Elba with a solid offensive unit this season.

Bowers hit on 17 of 48 passes for 232 yards last season in limited action at quarterback, but the Tigers are expected to go to the air quite often this season, and one of his favorite targets will no doubt be split-end Josh Lawford (5'10, 165), an elusive receiver that runs precise patterns and has a knack for getting open in crucial situations.

The Elba defense allowed over 20 points to be scored in six of the Tigers' 11 games last season and was a major concern early in preseason drills. However, with six of last season's "Top 10" tacklers returning, the 'Black and Gold' defense may make opponents black and blue! Cornerback Tony Burks and linebackers Derek Coleman and Jep Dubose combined for 220 tackles a year ago and were all ranked among the top 5 tacklers for the Tigers, while other defenders ranked high in stops included defensive-end Brandon Salter, cornerback Josh Lawford and defensive-end Bradley Bowers. Salter, a big play man for the Tiger defense, also led Elba last season in tackles for losses (12) and sacks (4), and will likely line up all over the field as the season progresses.

Coach Head has put his team through countless hours working on the kicking game, another weakness a year ago, and Brandon Salter should give Elba a true field-goal threat, and should also give the Tigers a solid punting game, since Salter will return in that position.

The '99 season was expected to be the worst of the decade for the struggling Tigers, but the players on this year's team believe they can win, and that confidence could help the Tigers post their first wining season in three years.

The Brantley Bulldogs rolled to a 13-2 record a year ago in claiming the Class 1A state championship, and return the championship team back almost intact for a season that many believe will end in a second straight 1A crown.

The Bulldog offense averaged over 27 points a game last season, and return all their weapons as they look to light up the scoreboard in '99. Leading the Brantley attack on offense will be All-State running back Bo Daniels. Daniels, a 200-pound speedster, gained over 2,000 yards a year ago and earned MVP honors in the state championship game, and is reported to be in the best shape of high school career as he looks to some how improve on his numbers from last season. Darrell Owens and Deon Jones give the Bulldogs a trio of backs with true breakaway speed, and when combined with the talented throwing arm of quarterback Andy Johnson and a big strong offensive line, it is easy to see why the Brantley offense might very well resemble a track meet as they race up and down the field piling up the points on its opponents.

Another valuable weapon for the Bulldogs this season will be field-goal kicker Gregory Daniels, a 250-pounder, who is consistent from 40 yards in, and has the power and accuracy to be a threat from anywhere inside 50 yards. When the Bulldogs cross midfield, Daniels is a threat!

The Brantley defense did give up a lot of real estate and points at times last season; however, new head coach David Lowrey served as the defensive coordinator for almost a decade under Hall of Fame coach Mack Wood, at Elba, and is expected to revive the Bulldogs on defense and make the defense just as strong a unit as the offense. Players expected to anchor the defense this season include Bo Daniels, Zack Burnett, DeMario Wiley, Gregory Daniels, Bobby Phillips and Tyrone Knighten.

With one of the state's most explosive offenses and a defense expected to attack on every snap, Brantley may very well be the team to beat once again this year in 1A circles as they shoot for "Back-to-back" crowns.

This game appears to be a blowout on paper, much like last year's 33-6 Bulldog win. However, Elba's players will be playing to win when they hit the field Thursday night in Brantley, and if the Tigers could get off to a good start, it might be closer than a lot of people think.

THORSBY AT ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be hoping to get the season started off with a bang Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium when they host the 2A Thorsby Rebels, in the renewal of a young, but heated football rivalry.

Zion Chapel lost to Thorsby 28-7 a year ago, and it was the beginning of a long season for Coach Randy Grant and his troops as they would go on to post a disappointing 1-8 record.

"We hope to do better than we did last season," Grant stated in a preseason interview. "Our numbers are really lower than they were in my first year, and we really thought we would be able to get some kids out."

While the Rebels numbers are down, with only 18 varsity players on the roster, they do have some talent and can be successful on both sides of the football. Junior Josh Mehaffey (6'0", 150) rushed for almost 200 yards in a spring jamboree and should give the Rebels a threat at running back, while junior Marcus Taylor (6'2', 175) will return at quarterback and gives the offense a double threat as a runner and a passer. When Taylor goes to the air his favorite targets will be tight-end David Eddins (6'2", 175) and split-end Josh McWaters (5'9", 140).

The Rebel line will be anchored by a pair of massive blockers in center Blakely Helms (245) and guard Tim McDurmont (245), and the duo should help solidify a line that is young, but aggressive.

The Zion Chapel defense allowed almost 30 points a game last year, but look to be improved this year, led by senior linebacker Justin Law (6'2", 205) and Taylor. The defense will have the same players that play on the offensive side of the ball, and will have to rely on conditioning and a true desire to win to improve and give the Rebels a chance to win this season.

Thorsby has been one of the state's most improved teams over the past few years, and will no doubt head into Jack expecting to post an easy win Friday night. The visitors may very well leave with a win; however, this year's Zion Chapel Rebels are lean, mean, and hungry for wins, and could pull off the first real upset of the season in week #1.

ARITON AT KINSTON

The Kinston Bulldogs struggled to an 0-10 record last season after posting a 2-8 record the year before. Despite these less than impressive numbers , Kinston's Coach Mickey Jacobs and his Bulldogs are excited about the season and can't wait to kick it off tomorrow night (Friday) in Kinston against the powerful Ariton Purple Cats.

"Our kids have done all the things we have asked them to do," said Jacobs in a preseason interview, "and I am optimistic about this team. We are not setting any goals, we are just going to take it one game at a time. The players are doing what it takes to make this program a winner, now it is time to take the field and see what we have really learned."

Kinston will dress out 28 varsity players this season, with 21 players in grades 10-12, making the '99 Bulldogs a team with experience and battle scars from past wars on the gridiron. Three-year starter Bishop Edwards will return at quarterback to lead the Bulldogs' option attack, and will get plenty of help from running backs Ricky Morris, Bo Driggers and Huey Boswell. Linemen Jason Farris and Wade Ward will be counted on to anchor the Bulldogs up front, and help open holes for the speedy Edwards and his corp of backs to run through.

The Kinston defense allowed over 42 points per game a year ago, and limited only three of ten opponents to less than forty points. That porous defense must improve if the Bulldogs are to have an chance at all, and should be improved, led by cornerback Bishop Edwards, linebacker Ricky Morris, tackle Brad Boykin, nose guard Daniel Davis and safety Robert Whaley.

Hopes are high at Kinston that the '99 season will be the "turn around" season the football team has been looking for, and with a few breaks and a win or two early, it could be just that, and more!

Ariton defeated the Bulldogs 35-6 last season, and while the Purple Cats are down in numbers this season, they are still loaded with talent, and will provide a stern test for Kinston in the season opener.

The Ariton offense will be led by senior quarterback Kris Grantham, who passed for over 500 yards last season, and was just as dangerous running the football. The strength of the Purple Cats will be in the line, with a trio of starters returning. However, with just 18 varsity players the 'Cats will get tired in the August heat, and will have to get lucky with injuries to improve on last year's 7-5 slate.

Ariton will enter this game as a solid favorite, but Kinston has been chomping at the bit to get back on the field and hit somebody, and the Bulldogs will get their chance Friday night in front of the home folks. This one appears to be a toss-up, with the game being one in the fourth quarter.

LUVERNE AT NEW BROCKTON

The New Brockton Gamecocks advanced to the second round of the state playoffs a year ago and fielded one of the school's best teams ever. That team was no match for the Luverne Tigers; however, and got pounded 38-6 in its season opener. This year the Gamecocks have only 16 players on their roster in grades 10-12 and once again open up with Luverne. While the prognosis may not be rosy, the Gamecocks are actually looking forward to the visit by the Tigers and can't wait to get it on!

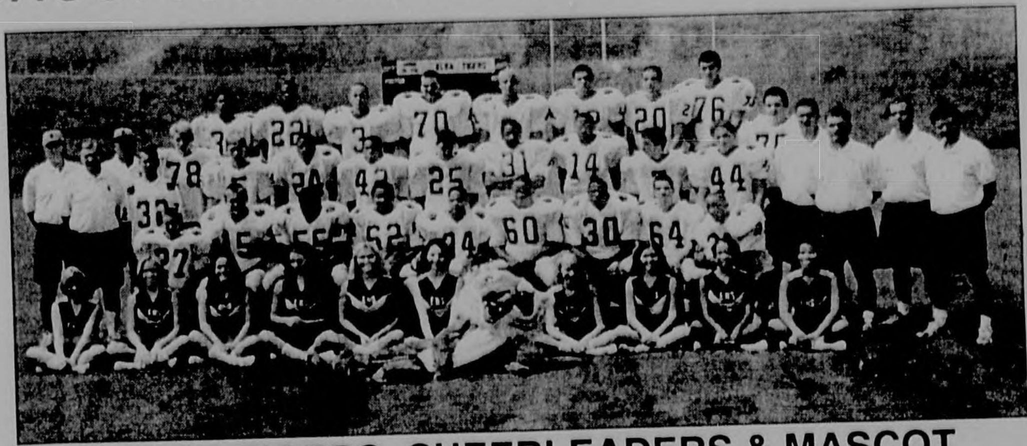
"Our senior leadership is better than it has ever been," said Coach Keith Thrasher in a preseason interview, " and these seniors worked hard all summer and came back in great shape. We lost our entire defensive and offensive line, and how quickly we develop in those areas is a key. Our starters on both sides of the football are adequate, we are just so thin in numbers. The limited numbers could play a factor in our season, especially early on."

While the Gamecocks are down in numbers, they are not down in talent or heart, where a core of seniors lead the way. Kellen Cole (6'3", 185) will return at quarterback and will have to carry the load to help the Gamecock offense move the football and put points on the scoreboard. Tailback Jason McKenzie (6'2", 180) and fullback Pate Harrison (6'1", 185) should combine with Cole to give New Brockton a solid backfield, while center Danny Toole (5'11", 200), flanker Andre Flowers (6', 175), split-end Nathan Rainey (5'9", 160) and tight-end Nicky Anderson (6'6", 195), should join forces to help make the '99 Gamecock offense one that can put points on the scoreboard.

The New Brockton defense was either very good or very bad last season, as it allowed an average of almost 30 points a game in four of its losses, but limited its opponents to a total of only two touchdowns in five of its wins. A consistent effort on defense will be a key for the Gamecocks this season, and with a veteran team lining up on the defensive side, it should be improved.

Luverne rolled to a 10-3 record last season and is ranked #6 in the state in Class 3A in preseason polls, making the talented Tigers anything but an easy opener for any team, regardless of classification. The Tigers will not be as good as in years past, but Luverne has been one of the state's top teams for many years, and is expected to present a stern test for any and all challengers.

While this one may not look like it on paper, it should be one of the top opening games in the area, with the Gamecocks having a real shot at pulling off the upset. Believe it or not.



1999 ELBA TIGERS, CHEERLEADERS & MASCOT

ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF....Head Coach Julius Head (kneeling), (standing, l-r) Boyd English, Mike Waters, Bill Rayborn, Wynn Grimes, Marty Marler and Jamie Corbett.

1999 ZION CHAPEL REBELS & COACHING STAFF

ZION CHAPEL REBEL CHEERLEADERS....pictured at right (front row, l-r) Sarah Maddox, Nicole Mitchell, (second row, l-r) Christy Roberts, Malloree Bedsole, Ashley Wambles, (third row, l-r) Amanda Perry, Daphne Jinright, (top row, l-r) Ashley Wallace, Kayla Eddins-Captain, Rebecca Ward.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Work Release inmates provide over 2,000 hours of service in July

by **Linda Hodge**, Staff Writer

During the month of July, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 2,000 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 267 inmates worked for 2,088 hours on various projects for 16 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting assistance from the work release were: the City of Elba, Blind Industries, Elba Recycling, Elba Police Department, Elba National Guard, Adopt-a-Mile, Coffee County, Town of Kinston, Alabama Forestry, Enterprise National Guard, City of Daleville, Daleville National Guard, City of Geneva, Geneva County, Elba Street Department and Elba City Schools.

Of the 267 inmates helping the agencies, 138 of them worked on general labor projects for the City of Elba, Blind Industries, Elba Recycling, Town of Kinston, City of Daleville, City of Geneva and Elba City Schools. Inmates helping the Town of Kinston also worked with garbage pickup, while inmates helping the City of Geneva also helped with cleaning projects.

Adopt-a-Mile, Coffee County and Geneva County were assisted by 48 inmates in cleaning roadways, and the national guards of Elba, Enterprise and Daleville also were assisted by 48 inmates with maintenance and cleaning duties.

The remaining 33 inmates of the 267 were involved in various cleaning duties for the Elba Police Department, Alabama Forestry and Elba Street Department. The Elba Police Dept. used 13 inmates in July to clean offices and wash cars. 14 inmates helped the Alabama Forestry with cleaning State Parks, and six inmates helped the Elba Street Dept. with general cleaning duties.

According to Estes, the 2,088 hours of service provided by the 267 work release inmates equaled a total dollar value of $10,753.20 for the month of July.

Coffee County Schools Menu
August 30 - September 3, 1999

BREAKFAST

Monday - Waffles, Syrup, Sausage Link, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Bagel w/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Donut, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Bologna Sandwich, Hamburger, Oven Fries, English Peas, Fruit, Banana Pudding, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Milk
Tuesday - Barbecued Chicken, Pizza Burger, Baked Potato, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Spaghetti, Chicken Nuggets, Green Salad, Three Bean Salad, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Country Fried Steak, Baked Turkey Roast, Butterbeans, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Sausage Pizza, Rib B Cue Sandwich, Onion Rings, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Milk, Ice Cream Cup

Free literacy volunteer training workshop to be held at ESJC

A **FREE** Literacy Volunteer Training Workshop will be held at Enterprise State Junior College Aug. 30 - Sept. 2. Volunteers will learn how to tutor adult non-readers and low-level learners. The psychology of the adult learner, the use of Laubach reading materials, and other methods for teaching adults will be examined. There is **NO CHARGE** for this workshop. To find out more call 393-ESJC, ext. 266! Also, a FREE English as a Second Language Tutor Training Workshop held at ESJC teaches volunteers how to tutor non-native learners of English. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

P.A. "catchit"
Elba Chamber of Commerce

Support our youth...Attend a football game!

Community Spirit Day concludes P.A. "catchit" campaign on Sept. 18

There's something going around Elba right now that a lot of people already have, and hopefully a lot more people will "catch it.." It's P.A.!! That's Positive Attitude, and for everyone who's infected, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a four hour clinic so you can get together and compare symptoms.

Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the square in Elba is the place to be. The local Boy Scout Troop and the Elba Tiger Band will perform during the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. to kick off our "Community Spirit Day." Scheduling for the event already includes several youth groups that will be performing a three minute skit on positive attitudes, performances by some area bands, and the Lions Club Health Van will be set up. Elba Band Boosters will fire the grills up early to provide plenty of food along with soft drinks.

If your group is not already signed up to be a part of this exciting day, please call Kaye Whitworth at the Chamber office at 897-3125. There is no charge for the spaces and the Chamber encourages every club and organization to join the celebration.

This day is planned strictly as tribute to the City of Elba and the wonderful people who live here.

A meeting on maintaining cotton quality will be held in Headland tonight

A meeting on Maintaining Cotton Quality will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Wiregrass Experiment Station in Headland. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a sponsored meal.

The speakers will be Mike Patterson on cotton defoliation, Dennis Delany on UNR cotton, Nathan Wynn (USDA Cotton Classing Officer) on grading cotton, and Bob Goodman on marketing cotton.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

National Security quarterly report released

Results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 1999 and 1998, based on generally accepted accounting principles, were reported today as follows:

Three Months Ended June 30

1999	
Premium Income	$6,627,000
Investment Income	1,070,000
Total Revenues	8,613,000
Net Income	$1,948,000
Net Income Per Share	.95
1998	
Premium Income	$7,273,000
Investment Income	917,000
Total Revenues	9,253,000
Net Income	$(1,421,000)
Net Income Per Share	(.62)

Six Months Ended June 30

1999	
Premium Income	$13,498,000
Investment Income	2,155,000
Total Revenues	17,357,000
Net Income	$ 2,415,000
Net Income Per Share	1.18
1998	
Premium Income	$14,774,000
Investment Income	2,082,000
Total Revenues	18,537,000
Net Income	$(1,101,000)
Net Income Per Share	(.48)

ASHTON NELSON, fourth-grader at Elba Elementary School, recently was awarded $100 in the "Bucks for Books" poster contest sponsored by Coffee County HRDC. In connection with the reading program, he also was named recipient of the 1999 Gwendolyn Garth Award.

Elba Chamber of Commerce creates Ambassador Committee

by **Linda Hodge**, Staff Writer

Lately, the focus of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and its members has been on developing ways to create exciting progress and growth in Elba.

There has been a great deal of talk about such things as the Elba Merchants Association which includes the Downtown Merchants Committee, and the P.A. "catchit" campaign in which the people of Elba are creating a positive attitude about business. Also, lots of work currently is being done on the "Community Spirit Day," to be held on Sept. 18 at the conclusion of the P.A. "catchit" campaign.

And, just as each of these things were formed by the Chamber to create progress for the city, the newly formed Chamber Ambassadors committee has now been activated to help maintain and strengthen Chamber relations with area businesses.

The Ambassadors, a committee of eight area business men and women who will work alongside Chamber Director Kaye Whitworth, will be representatives of the Chamber during and throughout community events. They also will work as liaisons between the chamber and area businesses.

The ambassadors will have three main functions: (1) They will make contacts for the Chamber to better chamber relations; (2) They will encourage Chamber membership and attract new members; and (3) They will promote Chamber visibility at all Chamber functions.

As Whitworth told members of this new committee Monday night during their first meeting, "The chamber has already seen tremendous growth during this past year, and our goal will be to keep this excitement going and the memberships coming."

As the ambassadors now embark on their new challenge of working to help keep the growth and excitement progressing, they encourage all citizens concerned with the commerce of Elba to share your input and ideas. All suggestions, positive or negative, are necessary for chamber committees such as the Ambassadors or Downtown Merchants to be successful in their endeavors to improve the commerce of Elba.

For more information about the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Ambassadors, the Downtown Merchants Committee, P.A. "catchit," the Community Spirit Day, or any other chamber committee and/or function, please call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the term of the first mortgage executed on the 11th day of May, 1992, by **ROSETTA CURIALE** and **EVERETT RUSGROVE,** single people, as Mortgagors in favor of the **THE PEOPLES BANK OF COFFEE COUNTY, ELBA, ALABAMA,** as Mortgagee, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 108M, pages 37-38, respectively, and said default continuing, the Mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps on the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 8th day of September 1999, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

PARCEL ONE:
Lot #7, in Block "C" of the Northwest addition to Morrow Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, as recorded in Miscellaneous Book No. 8, page 573, of the Probate Records of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba, Division. Also, an adjoining, unimproved lot or parcel of land described as:

PARCEL TWO:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot #7, Northwest addition to Morrow Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, according to plat of same recorded in Miscellaneous Book #8, page 573. Probate records of Coffee County at Elba, Alabama, and running thence Southward along the East line of the above said Lot #7 a distance of 218.5 feet to the Southeast corner of the said Lot #7, thence Easterly on a direct line with the South line of said Lot #7 a distance of 100 feet; thence Northerly 250 feet to the point of beginning, and being a trianguler parcel of land, lying and situated in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 5N, Range 20E, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said Foreclosure sale will be made under the terms contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the law causes made and provided for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgages, all unpaid taxes or special assessments, together with the expense of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale and conveyance made under this foreclosure will be made subject to existing federal tax liens, it any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Mortgagees reserve the right to bid on the subject property. Said mortgage is a first mortgage and is not junior to another mortgage of record. Said sale is also subject to unpaid taxes and assessments whether ot record or not.

Dated this the 6th day of August, 1999.

/s/ **JEFF W. KELLEY**
Attorney for Mortgagees
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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the term of the first mortgage executed on the 9th day of May, 1997, by **JERRY JOHNSON and PATRICIA JOHNSON** as Mortgagors in favor of the **THE PEOPLES BANK OF COFFEE COUNTY, ELBA, ALABAMA,** as Mortgagee, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 89A, pages 151-154 on March 27, 1989; Mortgage Book 126M, pages 130-132 on May 19, 1995; OR Book 13A, pages 334-338 on January 7, 1997; and OR Book 18A, pages 499-503 on May 9, 1997, respectively, and said default continuing, the Mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps on the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 8th day of September, 1999, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

One lot or parcel of land containing one acre, more or less, lying in and being a part of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 19 East, in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the Southwest right of way line of the Basin-Curtis paved road with the North line of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 19 Eat; thence running Southeasterly along the right of way of said road a distance of 348 feet to a point; the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence continuing Southeasterly along said right of way line a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence running Southwesterly along a line perpendicular to the said right of way line a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence running Northwesterly along a line parallel with said right of way line a distance of 210 feet to a point; and thence running in a Northeasterly direction a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning on the Southwest right of way line of said paved road. Said parcel of land is bound on the Northwest, Southwest, and the Southeast by lands of Marvin Parker and Gertrude Parker and is bound on the Northeast by the Basin-Curtis paved road.

Said Foreclosure sale will be made under the terms contained in said mortgage and in accordance with the law causes made and provided for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgages, all unpaid taxes or special assessments, together with the expense of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale and conveyance made under this foreclosure will be made subject to existing federal tax liens it any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

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Dated this the 6th day of August, 1999.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN FRANCIS DAVIS DECEASED. CASE NO. PC-99-49

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT NEXT-OF-KIN OF PROBATE OF WILL

TO: LAMAR DAVIS, JR.
SHIRLEY DAVIS
MARTHA DAVIS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this day came Roger Dale Davis and filed his application in writing and under oath therewith producing and filing in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John Francis Davis, deceased, and praying for such orders, decrees and proceedings as will duly and legally affect the probate and record of said instrument as such will.

And the 7th day of September, 1999, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. in the Probate Hearing Room of the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, having been set as a day for hearing said petition and the proof to be submitted in support of same and it further appearing that the following next-of-kin of said deceased are non-residents of the State of Alabama:

Lamar Davis, Jr.; Shirley Davis; Martha Davis

It is therefore ORDERED that notice of the filing of said application and the date set for hearing the same be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks in *The Elba Clipper*, a newspaper published in the Elba Division of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby that the said named non-residents, and all other persons in interest, to be and appear in this court on said the 7th day of September, 1999, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. in the Probate Hearing Room of the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, to contest said application if they think proper so to do.

/s/ **WILLIAM O. GAMMILL**
Judge of Probate 8-12,19,26chg

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The City of Elba is obtaining bids for the procurement of the following items:
Package 1 includes:
a. Pistol, Beretta Model 96, .40 caliber. Bid 20 weapons. Indicate individual price and expiration date of that price.
b. Magazine, Pistol, Beretta Model 96. Bid 60 magazines. Indicate individual price and expiration date of that price.
Package 2 includes:
a. Pouch, magazine, Pistol, Beretta Model 96. Basket weave pattern. Black leather. Bid 20 pouches. Must match holster. Indicate individual price and expiration date of that price.
b. Holster, Pistol, Beretta Model 96, Middle grade security, Basket weave pattern. Black leather. Bid 20 holsters. Must match magazine pouch. Indicate individual price and expiration date of that price.

Each of the above packages must be bid as a separate item. Sealed bids, marked "Weapons, Package 1" and/or "Weapons, Package 2" must arrive at City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama, 36323, not later than 2:00 P.M., September 9, 1999. All bids will be opened and announced publicly at that time. The City of Elba reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Contact the City Clerk at 897-2333 if there are any questions about this matter.

/s/ Don Morrow
City Clerk 8-19,26chg

NOTICE OF SALE

The following abandoned vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder on **Sept. 9, 1999**
1999 Camaro RS
1G1FP23T8LL123628

The auction will be held at the **Courthouse**, Elba, AL at 12:00 noon.
We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
/s/ Frankie Allen
8/26,9/2,9pd.

ESTATE OF
BUNNIE BRYANT
DECEASED
PROBATE COURT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of August, 1999, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ **GREGORY SOWELL**
Personal Representative 8-26;9-2,9chg

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated September 4, 1997, executed by HOWARD A. PANTONE and wife, DOROTHY PANTONE, to NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., which mortgage was recorded on September 8, 1997, in OR Book 22-A, Page 248-257, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by the said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 29th day of June, 1999, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land consisting of 5.000 acres, more or less, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 20 East, and the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Alabama Highway No. 134; thence South 31 degrees 32'09" West 550.65 feet to an iron rod on the Northwesterly right-of-way line of said Alabama Highway No. 134, to the point of beginning; thence South 31 degrees 17'50" West 521.75 feet (chord) along said right-of-way line to an iron rod; thence North 58 degrees 42'10" West 417.40 feet to an iron rod; thence North 31 degrees 17'50" East 521.75 feet to an iron rod, thence South 58 degrees 42'10" East 417.40 feet to an iron rod; the point of beginning. Said parcel lies wholly within the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 20 East. Together with all improvements situated thereon

Norwest Mortgage, Inc.
Mortgagee

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The Elba Clipper
August 26, 1999

The sale provided for hereinabove was postponed on the 29th day of June, 1999; further postponed on August 3, 1999, by public announcement being made at the main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale. Said foreclosure sale shall be held on the 7th day of September, 1999, at the main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, at 6:00 p.m., at the Office of the New Brockton Housing Authority located at 329 King Street, New Brockton, Alabama, for the purpose of discussing the Housing Authority's Five Year and Annual Plans. These Plans are available for review and inspection upon request at the Housing Authority Office. All interested parties are invited to attend.

New Brockton Housing Authority
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Coffee County Commission

Project No. CDBG Project No. CY-OL-PF-98-003

Separate sealed bids for New Hope Senior Center Improvements will be received by Coffee County Commission at the Conference Room, 2 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama until 2:00 o'clock p.m., C.D.S.T., Monday, September 13, 1999 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Only those envelopes clearly indicating License Number and Rating will be opened. All bidders must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

Polyengineering, Inc., 1935 Headland Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36303.

Copies may be obtained at the office of Polyengineering, Inc. located at 1935 Headland Avenue, P.O. Box 837, Dothan, Alabama upon deposit of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per set, which will be refunded in full on the first set issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents n good condition within 10 days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and vendors or dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities and informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% will be required of the successful bidder.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION
August 26, 1999

/s/ Wilson Mobley, Jr., Coffee County Administrator

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Importance of becoming involved in your child's schooling itemized

Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

I have used this information before but I'm repeating it because the information is still important.

Returning to school is a time of great anticipation and sometimes great anxiety for children and parents alike. As our children go back to school, it's time for us to return, too; we need to become re-involved in our children's school experience.

Our involvement in our child's education includes three elements: our family environment, our interest in our child's learning, and our partnership with our child's school. Let's look at each of these:

Establish a family environment that promotes learning. Clearly, education begins at home. Children begin to develop attitudes toward learning before they enter schools. A good way for parents to encourage learning is by being good examples of knowledge-seeking themselves. This sends the message that "Knowledge and learning are important."

The items in our home, as well as the way in which space and time are used, also send a message. For instance, are there a variety of quality books in your home for the children to read and gain knowledge from? Is there a place in the home where children can study, free from distraction? Some families have found it useful to designate one room as a "study hall" during a specified time, where children and parents can quietly pursue individual projects. The way in which the family spends its evening time also may need to be adjusted in order to send the pro-learning message desired.

Be interested in what children are learning. Several ways to show interest are asking children what they are learning at school during the day, being available to help with homework, and giving feedback to children on their assignments.

Establish a partnership with the child's school. Studies show that when schools and parents fail to work together for children, the children are the losers. Some surveys report that as many as 75% of parents never visit their child's school. Without an effective parent-school partnership, we place children at risk for increased discipline problems and lower academic achievement. With each passing decade, academic achievement in primary and secondary school becomes more critical.

Here are ten guidelines for building a strong partnership:

1. Find a positive way to get to know your child's teacher early in the year. One appropriate time would be during an open house. Establish early a pattern of open communication directed toward meeting your child's educational needs.

2. Let the teacher and principal know when you are pleased with something one of them has done. Be specific. Everyone needs to be recognized for a job well done.

3. If your requests and suggestions do not get the response you had hoped for, be persistent. Find another way to describe your idea. You may be ahead of your time, and it may take time for the school to react fully to your ideas.

4. Offer no more than you can deliver. It is better to keep a weekly volunteer commitment than to back out of a daily commitment.

5. Describe your idea, suggestion, or concern briefly. Specify two or three alternate responses that would be acceptable to you, and leave the way open for the school to offer other ideas.

6. Put yourself in the teacher's or principal's shoes. How would you respond? Try to do this before you make suggestions or comments.

7. School administrators who ask tough but fair questions at the beginning of a proposed project, may turn out to be one of its best supporters. Try not to be defensive.

8. Teachers have prepared many years for their work. They are more likely to be open to parent involvement if they know you respect their training and contributions. Ask teachers for their suggestions.

9. When you have a complaint, discuss it with someone who is responsible for it rather than with your neighbors.

10. Never pit teachers against school administrators. Students will be the losers.

Responsibility In Children should be encouraged

Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Being responsible involves developing honesty, self-control, respect and compassion for others. Helping children learn to be responsible requires that we as adults act in responsible ways. Whether we are aware of it Or not, we are always teaching children something by our words and actions. Because children learn from seeing, hearing, and overhearing, we must try to be the people we hope they will try to be someday.

Simple, everyday acts show that we care about how other people feel. By setting an example of respect for others, we can encourage children to behave in similar ways. Here are a couple of tips for encouraging responsible behavior through respecting others:

1. Help children to see things from the perspective of others. In this way, we can help them realize that others' feelings are often similar to their own.

2. Show appreciation for the efforts and actions of others. Whether it is through the use of good manners (saying "please" and "thank you"), short notes, or small gifts, showing gratitude for the things children, family members, or friends do for us teaches respect for others.

Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring PA "*Catch It*" campaign in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a P.A. "Catchit" campaign beginning Aug. 16. Chamber members will be wearing pins, displaying posters in their store windows and billboards will advertise this event. If you do not know what this means, ask a chamber member. They will be glad to tell you about it!

Saturday, Sept. 18, will cap off this campaign with a "Community Spirit Day" to be held downtown around the square. Merchants will be asked to set up displays to showcase their merchandise or just to hand out information about their business. There will also be emergency vehicles on display. Lion's Club Health Van will be on hand for Blood Pressure, eyes, and other medical checks. There will be children's activities, local bands, and other entertainers will be performing during the day. Grilled burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be available through out the day.

The newly formed downtown merchants committee will be sponsoring a scavenger hunt. To participate you will be given a clue and you must go into the downtown stores to find other clues. A prize, donated by the downtown merchants, will be given to the lucky winner.

If you or your group would like to participate by setting up a display or if you have any questions, please call the chamber office at 897-3125.

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